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CONFERENCE JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY.

SHELBYVILLE, TENN., Oct. 17, 1883.

THE Seventieth Session of the Tennessee Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, assembled in the Cumberland Presbyterian church in Shelbyville, Tenn., at 9 o'clock A.M. Oct. 17, 1883, Bishop G. F. Pierce presiding. The Bishop conducted the opening devotional service by reading from the ninth chapter of Luke, singing a part of hymn 904, and prayer; after which the Bishop asked the Secretary of the last Conference to call the roll, whereupon 142 members answered to their names, as follows: E. J. Allen, L. R. Amis, G. W. Anderson, J. B. Anderson, N. A. Anthony, J. D. Barbee, J. W. Bell, J. T. Blackwood, J. O. Blanton, H. B. Blue, J. G. Bolton, S. W. Bransford, R. K. Brown, L. C. Bryan, W. Burr, G. D. Byrne, G. S. Byrom, S. M. Cherry, W. D. Cherry, W. J. Collier, J. J. Comer, R. J. Craig, J. W. Cullom, T. S. Cullom, E. K. Denton, A. G. Dinwiddie, W. G. Dorris, W. Doss, W. H. Doss, T. J. Duncan, W. T. Dye, R. L. Fagan, S. L. Fain, A. R. Faris, C. B. Faris, J. W. Faires, B. G. Ferrell, T. B. Fisher, C. S. Gabard, B. J. Gaston, J. G. Gibson, W. H. Gilbert, A. T. Goodloe, W. W. Graves, R. P. Gray, W. M. Green, R. M. Haggard, O. G. Halliburton, J. B. Hamilton, J. N. Handlin, J. W. Hanner, sr., B. F. Haynes, J. W. Hensley, W. G. Hensley, C. E. Heriges, W. P. Hickman, J. W. Hill, T. H. Hinson, J. F. Hughes, R. G. Irvine, H. J. Ivie, G. P. Jackson, B. H. Johnson, G. W. Johnston, W. H. Johnson, E. L. Jones, R. R. Jones, J. M. Jordan, I. W. Keathley, D. C. Kelley, J. L. Kellum, T. A. Kerley, W. A. Leath, H. S. Ledbetter, W. M. Leftwich, M. J. Mabry, Garrett W. Martin, A. Matthews, G. W. McBride, H. S. McBride, J. A. McFerrin, J. B. McFerrin, J. P. McFerrin, G. B. McPeak, W. McQueen, T. L. Moody, W. Mooney, J. G. Mulloy, J. G. Myers, J. H. Nichols, J. A. Orman, S. M. Parks, W. R. Peebles, W. W. Pinson, J. J. Pittman, J. J. Pitts, J. R. Plummer, L. Powell, R. P. Ransom, J. G. Ray, J. R. Reagin, H. B. Reams, J. G. Rice, J. W. Rooker, W. T. Rowland, G. M. Saunders, W. D. F. Sawrie, W. S. Scott, W. M. Shaw, P. A. Sowell, B. M. Stephens, D. S. Thompson, J. F. Tinnon, R. E. Travis, H. C. Tucker, M. R. Tucker, W. A. Turner, J. Webster, J. B. West, E. W. White, R. A. Wilson, G. W. Winn, W. Witcher, T. H. Woodward, J. M. Wright.

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W. M. Leftwich was elected Secretary, and J. J. Pitts, Wellborn Mooney, and W. H. Morrow, Assistant Secretaries.

The Conference agreed to meet at 9 A.M. of each day, and adjourn at 12:30 P.M.

On motion, a line running across the church just in the rear of the stoves, was fixed as the bar of the Conference.

The Presiding Elders nominated and the Conference elected the following standing committees:

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T. B. Holt was elected Statistical Secretary in lieu of a Committee on Statistics.

On motion of J. D. Barbee, it was ordered that the calling of the roll be dispensed with hereafter.

The Bishop called

QUESTION 6. *Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?*

R. A. Wilson, R. P. Nabors, and W. M. Rippey, from North Alabama Conference; W. H. Hughes, from North Texas Conference; and Alonzo Monk, from Little Rock Conference.

The Rev. T. F. Bates, the pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, was introduced, and spoke a few choice words of welcome to the Conference, to which J. B. McFerrin briefly responded. Rev. J. F. Cannon, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Dr. Foster, of the M. E. Church, were also introduced to the Conference.

Rev. David Morton, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, was introduced; and after the reading of the Annual Report of the Board of Church Extension by the Secretary of the Conference, Dr. Morton addressed the Conference on the claims of his special work.

H. J. Ivie was appointed Conference postmaster.

The Committee on Public Worship announced that S. L. Fain would preach in the Methodist church at 3 p.m., and that a Centennial meeting would be held at the same place at 7 p.m., to be addressed by Dr. W. P. Harrison and others.

The Secretary read the address of the Central Centenary Committee, which was referred to the Conference Centenary Committee.

D. C. Kelley offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Conference Centenary Committee:

Resolved, That we respectfully suggest to the Conference Centenary Committee, as a special object for the Tennessee Annual Conference, a fund to be used in aid of the education of the daughters of traveling preachers.

D. C. KELLEY,
J. J. COMER.

The Bishop presented and the Secretary read the Annual Report of

the Book Agent and Book Committee, which was referred to the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

J. B. McFerrin, Agent, and Trustee of the Colvin Fund, presented a report, which was read and referred to the Joint Board of Finance. J. B. McFerrin then addressed the Conference briefly on the work of the Publishing House.

D. C. Kelley presented missionary documents, and addressed the Conference on the subject of missions, calling special attention to the claims of the Missionary Advocate.

J. P. McFerrin presented and the Secretary read a memorial from the Clarksville District Conference, as follows:

Whereas the last Annual Conference, at Franklin, Tenn., provided that the District Conferences should be composed of all the clerical members of the Church in the district, and one lay delegate for every two hundred members in each charge, the recording steward being *ex officio* a member: *provided* that each charge has as many as two delegates; and whereas we believe said law will work injury to the Church throughout the various districts; therefore,

Resolved, By the Clarksville District Conference, in session in Clarksville, that it is the desire of this district that the Tennessee Annual Conference, at its next session in Shelbyville, provide for the same representation and composition of the District Conferences within the bounds of the Tennessee Conference as heretofore.

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R. A. REAGAN,	B. M. STEPHENS,
J. M. DICKSON,	J. T. HARRIS,
J. P. HART,	GARRETT W. MARTIN,
And nineteen others.	

On motion of W. Mooney, the above memorial was referred to a committee composed of one member from each district, as follows: J. B. West, A. J. Patterson, B. F. Haynes, D. S. Thompson, Wm. McQueen, R. M. Woodard, T. S. Duncan, W. H. Wilkes, B. H. Johnson, and Lewis Lowe.

L. D. Palmer, Business Manager of the Publishing House, was introduced, and addressed the Conference on the great interest of the Church he is managing so successfully. His statements were heard with marked interest.

After sundry announcements, the Conference adjourned with the doxology, and benediction by the Bishop.

SECOND DAY.

SHELBYVILLE, TENN., Oct. 18, 1883.

The Conference convened at 9 o'clock A.M., Bishop Pierce in the chair. Religious service was conducted by John F. Hughes, consisting of reading the tenth chapter of John, singing hymn 595, and prayer.

The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

The Bishop presented a communication from the Sunday-school Editor, Dr. Cunnyngnam, which was read and referred to the Sunday-school Board of the Conference.

T. M. N. Jones was put on the Committee on Books and Periodicals in the place of W. R. Webb, who is absent.

Leave of absence was granted to J. H. Nichols, and leave of absence for to-day was granted to J. T. Curry.

J. B. McFerrin read the following resolution, which was referred to the special committee of five asked for:

Whereas there are very limited provisions made in the Tennessee Conference for the support of superannuated preachers; and whereas many of those who have worn themselves out in the service of the Church, and in old age and feebleness, need pecuniary aid; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to take this subject under consideration and report some feasible plan for the relief of this class of our deserving brethren.

J. B. McFERRIN,
WM. DOSS,
W. D. F. SAWRIE.

The following is the committee called for in the above resolution: Wm. Doss, L. C. Bryan, S. M. Cherry, T. P. Weakley, R. P. McClain, to which J. B. McFerrin was added.

The Bishop called

QUESTION 1. *Who are admitted on trial?*

Josephus Stephan, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of West End Church, Nashville District; Isaiah S. Napier, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of La Fayette Circuit, Gallatin District; John C. Myers, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Altemont Mission, McMinnville District; Stanton F. Simrell, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Sparta Circuit, McMinnville District; John S. Curtis, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Enterprise Station, Savannah District; Wm. T. Haggard, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Unionville Circuit, Franklin District; and John W. Hatcher, recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Franklin Station, Franklin District—each, after passing an approved examination, was admitted on trial in the traveling connection.

QUESTION 6. *Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?*

Joseph E. Cole, an elder from the Methodist Episcopal Church, upon certifying his belief in the doctrines and discipline of the M. E. Church, South.

QUESTION 2. *Who remain on trial?*

The names of Wilson Arnold, James T. Curry, Anderson P. McFerrin, James R. Harris, and John Knox Lee, were called, and having passed an approved examination before the committee of the first year, their characters passed, and they were continued on trial.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Whereas the Rev. John F. Hughes has completed his fiftieth year as an itinerant preacher; therefore,

Resolved, That we request Brother Hughes to preach, during our session, a semi-centennial sermon.

W. R. PEEBLES,
J. W. BELL,
T. J. DUNCAN.

An invitation to visit the Eakin Library, of Shelbyville, was received and read. It was designed for the individual members of the Conference, and required no action.

The following memorial from the Franklin District Conference was read and referred to the Special Committee on District Conferences:

At the Franklin District Conference, held at Unionville, July 28, 1883, the following resolution was adopted for submission to the Tennessee Annual Conference, to be held at Shelbyville, Oct. 17, 1883:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Franklin District Conference that the attendance upon and the interest in the District Conferences have been much increased by the action of the last Annual Conference making it a delegated body.

THOS. G. POINTER,
J. M. PEEBLES,
E. M. HEARN.

Dr. W. P. Harrison, Book Editor, was introduced, and addressed the

Conference with marked interest on "the making of many books," their character and uses.

The Committee on Public Worship announced that J. B. Erwin would preach at 3 P.M., and the Anniversary of Church Extension would be held at 7 P.M., in the Methodist church.

QUESTION 4. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

George W. Blanton, George L. Beal, and Henry O. Moore, were called before the Bishop and examined on the disciplinary questions, and George W. Blanton and George L. Beal having passed an approved examination before the committee of the second year, their characters passed, and they were admitted into full connection. Henry O. Moore, not having been before the committee, was continued in the class of the second year. The name of Michael S. Stewart was called, and he, being in Colorado for his health, was also continued in the class of the second year.

QUESTION 5. *Who are readmitted?*

Wm. P. Owen, having been recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Chapel Hill Circuit, Franklin District, was readmitted.

QUESTION 7. *Who are the deacons of one year?*

The names of Wm. P. Swindle, James T. Blackwood, James F. Tinnon, James W. Faires, and Edward K. Denton, were severally called, and having passed an approved examination before the committee of the third year, their characters passed, and they were continued as deacons of one year.

QUESTION 12. *What traveling preachers are elected elders?*

The names of Lewis Powell, Henry B. Blue, Hugh C. Tucker, Wm. H. Gilbert, and David S. Thompson, were severally called, and having passed an approved examination before the committee of the fourth year, their characters passed, and they were elected to elder's orders.

N. T. Lupton was, on motion, added to the Conference Sunday-school Board.

After sundry notices the Conference adjourned with the doxology, and benediction by the Bishop.

THIRD DAY.

SHELBYVILLE, TENN., Oct. 19, 1883.

The Conference convened at 9 o'clock A.M., Bishop Pierce in the chair. Religious service conducted by J. B. McFerrin, reading second chapter of Titus, singing hymn 638, and prayer.

The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

On motion of John F. Hughes, the vote by which Stanton F. Simrell was admitted on trial was reconsidered, and the presiding elder was allowed to withdraw his application.

David G. Ray was appointed assistant postmaster for the Conference. The Bishop called

QUESTION 10. *What local preachers are elected deacons?*

Charles H. Buchanan, having been duly examined and recommended by the Quarterly Conference of West End Church, Nashville District, was elected to deacon's orders; Jesse M. Kerley, having been duly examined and recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Cumberland Circuit, Gallatin District, was elected to deacon's orders; John S. Curtis, having been duly examined and recommended by the Quarterly Conference of

Enterprise Station, Savannah District, was elected to deacon's orders (his name is in the class of the first year); Luther V. Ellington, having been duly examined and recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Hampshire and Pisgah Station, Savannah District, was elected to deacon's orders; Zachary T. Austin, having been duly examined and recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Lowryville Circuit, Savannah District, was elected to deacon's orders; James B. Covey, having been duly examined and recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Savannah Circuit, Savannah District, was elected to deacon's orders; Charles B. Reams, having been duly examined and recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Short Mountain Circuit, McMinnville District, was elected to deacon's orders; Wilson Arnold, having been duly examined and recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Yellow Creek Circuit, Centerville District, was elected to deacon's orders (his name is in the class of the second year); Thomas C. Jarratt and Alfred Gardner, having been duly examined and recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Santa Fe Circuit, Centerville District, were elected to deacon's orders; Robert R. Jarratt, having been duly examined and recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Pinewood Circuit, Centerville District, was elected to deacon's orders.

A communication was received from Soule Female College and referred to the Board of Education.

QUESTION 14. *What local preachers are elected elders?*

Flemon Hall, having been duly examined and recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Stone's River Circuit, Murfreesboro District, and having certified his belief in the doctrines and his willingness to be governed by the discipline of the Church, was elected to elder's orders; Rufus W. Woodward, having been duly examined and recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Blanch Circuit, Columbia District, and having certified his belief in the doctrines and his willingness to be governed by the discipline of the Church, was elected to elder's orders; John W. Lee, having been duly examined and recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Lowryville Circuit, Savannah District, and having certified his belief in the doctrines and his willingness to be governed by the discipline of the Church, was elected to elder's orders.

On motion of J. A. Orman, the Conference fixed 10 o'clock to-morrow to open "Missionary Day."

D. C. Kelley called attention to the importance of promptness in missionary reports.

After several notices, the Bishop called

QUESTION 20. *Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?*

The names of W. D. F. Sawrie, J. B. West, R. K. Brown, J. F. Hughes, J. D. Scott, R. R. Jones, W. M. Leftwich, T. A. Kerley, J. R. Plummer, G. P. Jackson, Wm. Doss, B. F. Ferrell, W. D. Cherry, J. B. McFerrin, R. A. Young, D. C. Kelley, J. J. Ransom, and W. R. Lambuth, were severally called, and their characters passed. When the names of J. J. Ransom and W. R. Lambuth, our foreign missionaries, were called, D. C. Kelley gave the Conference an interesting account of the progress of their work in Brazil and China, reading a deeply interesting letter from W. R. Lambuth of his special work in China.

Dr. J. W. Hinton, of Georgia, Editor of the *Quarterly Review*, and Prof. W. F. Tillet, of Vanderbilt University, were introduced to the Conference, and Dr. Hinton addressed the Conference on the claims of his *Quarterly Review*.

The Committee on Public Worship announced that W. F. Tillet would preach in the Methodist church at 3 P.M., and W. M. Green at 7 P.M.

The Bishop resumed

QUESTION 20. *Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?*

The names of W. G. Dorris, A. G. Dinwiddie, J. W. Cullom, H. J. Ivie, J. B. Erwin, R. P. Ransom, W. W. Graves, T. S. Cullom, J. J. Pittman, R. P. Gray, B. G. Ferrell, Jasper Nichols, George M. Saunders, S. W. Bransford, J. R. Thompson, T. B. Fisher, B. F. Haynes, J. G. Ray, R. E. Travis, T. H. Hinson, N. B. S. Owings, J. L. Kellum, N. A. Anthony, A. Matthews, M. N. Ford, and Z. W. Moores, were severally called, and their characters passed.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session was granted to A. Matthews.

The Statistical Secretary presented his report, which was read by districts and adopted. (See Appendix.)

An invitation to attend the High School of Shelbyville at 2 P.M. to-day was received and responded to with thanks.

The Bishop called

QUESTION 31. *Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?*

Columbia and Nashville were put in nomination. Columbia was withdrawn, and Nashville was unanimously selected as the place for the next Conference.

After the usual notices, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by the Bishop.

FOURTH DAY.

SHELBYVILLE, TENN., Oct. 20, 1883.

The Conference convened at 9 o'clock A.M., Bishop Pierce in the chair. Religious service conducted by L. C. Bryan, by reading the first chapter of Hebrews, singing hymn 621, and prayer.

The Journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals submitted their report, which was read by J. W. Irwin, and adopted. (See Appendix.)

Dr. Hinton took a pleasant leave of the Conference.

Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, Editor of the *Christian Advocate*, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

Resolved, That we recognize with pleasure the movement of the Peace Commission that looks to the abolition of war by the adjustment of national difficulties through arbitration.

Resolved, That we will show our interest in the matter by each preaching on the subject in our respective charges during the ensuing year.

D. C. KELLEY,
T. L. MOODY.

The hour for the special order of business having arrived, the Conference entered upon the work of "Missionary Day," with D. C. Kelley on the floor. On a call for the preachers who raised more than the assessment for missions, twelve rose up; of those who raised the assessment in full, thirty-four stood up. He then called for objections to missions. A number were given by representative laymen, in which they stated the difficulties in the way of raising the assessment, which formed the basis of an effective missionary address by Dr. Kelley, at the conclusion of which the Conference raised, in a spontaneous way, \$238.50 to improve and make comfortable for the Misses Marvin the Seminole Academy in the Indian Mission Conference.

The following resolutions, presented by D. C. Kelley, were adopted:

Resolved, That we will earnestly endeavor, by the help of God, to devise such plans for taking our missionary collections as will reach a contribution from each individual member of our charges.

Resolved, That we will begin early and have our full collections, where it is practicable, in the hands of our Conference Treasurer on or before the first of May.

The Committee on Public Worship made announcements for the pulpits as follows: Woman's missionary meeting at the Methodist church at 3 P.M., addressed by Drs. McFerrin and Kelley; missionary anniversary at 7 P.M., address by Dr. Kelley.

SUNDAY.

Methodist Church—9 A.M., love-feast, conducted by J. B. McFerrin; 11 A.M., Bishop Pierce, and ordination of deacons; 3 P.M., J. D. Barbee, and ordination of elders; 7 P.M., J. W. Hanner, sr.

Presbyterian Church—11 A.M., J. B. West; 7 P.M., W. M. Leftwich.

Cumberland Presbyterian Church—11 A.M., Alonzo Monk.

Baptist Church—11 A.M., R. K. Brown; 7 P.M., J. T. Curry.

Christian Church—11 A.M., R. J. Craig; 7 P.M., Elon Foster, D.D.

Bellbuckle—W. A. Turner.

Wartrace—Wellborn Mooney.

Bethsalem—J. W. Hensley.

Tullahoma—G. P. Jackson.

Whitesides—R. P. Ransom.

El-Bethel—Wm. Doss.

African M. E. Church—E. W. White.

Union M. E. Church (col.)—R. M. Haggard.

The Special Committee on District Conference Memorials submitted their report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of the Clarksville District Conference, in favor of restoring to the District Conferences the same representation and composition as existed previous to the last session of this body, and also the resolutions of the Franklin District Conference approving the action of this body in making the District Conference a delegated body, have given the subject committed to them due consideration, and unanimously recommend the continuance of the District Conference as a delegated body, and by a majority vote recommend such change in their composition that the law shall read as follows: The District Conference, in addition to its clerical delegates provided for in the law of the Church, shall be composed of the recording steward, and one delegate for every one hundred members: provided that each pastoral charge shall be entitled to two delegates, the delegates to be elected by the Quarterly Conference at its first or second session of each year.

J. B. WEST, *Chairman*.

W. H. WILKES, *Secretary*.

The Committee on Bible Cause submitted their report, which was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The Committee on Church Property submitted their report, which was adopted. (See Appendix.)

J. B. Richardson, Treasurer of the Conference Board of Missions, read his report, which was adopted.

A. R. Faris was granted leave of absence on account of family affliction.

After the usual notices, the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the Bishop.

FIFTH DAY.

SHELBYVILLE, TENN., Oct. 22, 1883.

The Conference convened at 9 A.M., Bishop Pierce in the chair. Religious service conducted by W. Witcher.

The Journal of Saturday's session was read and approved.

The Bishop reported the following ordinations on Sunday:

QUESTION 11. *What local preachers are ordained deacons?*

Jesse M. Kerley, Thales B. Reams, John S. Curtis, Zachary T. Austin, Wilson Arnold, Thomas C. Jarratt, Alfred Gardner, George W. Nichols.

QUESTION 13. *What traveling preachers are ordained elders?*

Lewis Powell, Henry B. Blue, Hugh C. Tucker, William H. Gilbert, David S. Thompson.

QUESTION 15. *What local preachers are ordained elders?*

Flemon Hall, Rufus M. Woodard, John W. Lee, Wiley A. Bridges.

The Conference Sunday school Board, through C. Marchbanks, submitted their report, which, after a stirring speech, was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The Bishop resumed the call under

QUESTION 20. *Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?*

G. W. Anderson, H. B. Reams, C. H. Yates, D. S. Thompson, J. J. Pitts, A. T. Crawford, J. G. Mulloy, G. D. Guinn, W. H. Gilbert, W. P. Swindell, Joseph Webster, J. G. Myers, W. W. Pinson, T. L. Moody, Wm. Burr, J. T. Curry, J. C. Putman, T. L. Darnell, J. T. Duncan, T. H. Woodward, J. O. Blanton, G. D. Byrne, S. M. Parks, B. G. Gaston, G. W. Winn, W. McQueen, J. A. Orman, T. J. Duncan, J. M. Jourdan, L. R. Amis, W. Weakley, M. R. Tucker, R. L. Fagan, J. B. Anderson, C. E. Heriges, H. S. McBride, J. M. Wright, G. S. Byrom, J. H. Nichols, J. P. Funk, J. W. Bell, W. J. Collier, W. B. Lowry, P. A. Sowell, S. L. Fain, J. G. Gibson, G. W. McBride, J. W. Rooker, W. J. Mabry, W. T. Rowland, J. G. Bolton, R. A. Wilson, W. Mooney, W. A. Turner, W. R. Peebles, R. M. Haggard, J. A. McFerrin, I. W. Keathley, L. C. Bryan, R. J. Craig, S. M. Cherry, J. R. Reagin, W. H. Doss, W. P. Hickman, J. J. Comer, W. T. Dye, R. W. Seay, E. W. White, J. N. Handlin, U. N. M. Berry, J. G. Hinson, J. W. Hensley, C. S. Gabard, W. Witcher, B. H. Johnson, H. S. Ledbetter, J. P. McFerrin, J. D. Barbee, G. B. McPeak, G. W. Johnson, Garrett W. Martin, R. A. Reagan, O. G. Halliburton, A. R. Faris, J. G. Rice, W. A. Leath, W. G. Hensley, B. M. Stephens, W. S. Scott, and R. P. Gannaway, were severally called, and their characters passed.

The Committee on Conference Relations recommended, and the Conference granted to the following persons the supernumerary relation:

QUESTION 17. *Who are supernumerary?*

C. B. Faris, W. M. Shaw, W. R. Warren, A. M. Ezell, G. T. Henderson, J. B. Hamilton, A. H. Reams, W. P. Warren, W. H. Riggan, R. W. Bellamy, W. N. Moore, Stanford Lassiter, E. L. Jones, A. B. Coke, H. L. Booth, J. H. Strayhorn, T. B. Marks, W. T. Nesbitt, H. S. Kennedy, W. W. Brinsfield, and J. J. Ellis.

The Committee on Conference Relations recommended and the Conference granted the superannuated relation to the following persons:

QUESTION 18. *Who are superannuated?*

W. H. Anthony, E. J. Allen, D. H. Merryman, Jourdan Moore, J. W. Tarrant, W. H. Johnson, A. J. B. Foster, R. G. Irvine, George W. Martin, B. F. Jackson, and J. W. Hanner, sr.

QUESTION 16. *Who are located this year?*

Clinton Clenny, at his own request.

On motion of T. P. Weakley, the Conference requested the Book Editor at Nashville to revise the blanks for statistics so as to make them include every item required by the General Conference.

The Special Committee on Superannuated Preachers made their report, which was laid on the table for the present.

The Joint Board of Finance, through W. H. Morrow, Chairman, submitted their report, and Reports Nos. 1, 2, and 3, through T. A. Kerley, Secretary, and a report of J. L. Parkes, Treasurer, with the distribution of the Conference Fund, as follows:

QUESTION 27. *What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?*

\$3,600.

QUESTION 28. *What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?*

\$3,136.21; applied to claimants. (See Appendix.)

The Joint Board of Finance also submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Whereas the record of the Joint Board of Finance of the Tennessee Annual Conference contains no statement of the amount of the funds known as the "Elliston Fund," from which it has annually received the interest through Dr. W. H. Morgan; nor do they know in what securities the principal is invested; therefore,

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Conference be, and he is hereby, requested to furnish the Joint Board with a statement of the Elliston Fund, and how the same is invested.

W. H. MORROW, *Chairman*.

T. A. KERLEY, *Secretary*.

The Board of Church Extension, through T. P. Weakley, its Chairman, and its Treasurer, B. W. Macrea, submitted their reports, which were adopted. (See Appendix.)

The Committee on Temperance, through W. D. Cherry, Chairman, submitted their report, which was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The Committee on the Publication of the Minutes of the Conference, through R. K. Brown, Chairman, submitted their report, with the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the matter of printing the Minutes of our Conference for the future be placed in the hands of the Joint Board of Finance, who shall adopt their own methods for raising the necessary funds for this purpose.

Resolved, That R. K. Brown, W. M. Leftwich, and W. H. Morrow, be appointed a Committee on Publication.

R. K. BROWN, *Chairman*.

J. R. Plummer moved that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 3 o'clock P.M., which was adopted.

On motion of A. G. Dinwiddie, the Conference fixed 7 P.M., at the Methodist church, for the memorial service

The Committee on District Conference Records reported through G. D. Byrne, Secretary, which was adopted. (See Appendix.)

The Conference Centenary Committee, through W. Mooney, Secretary, offered their report, pending the discussion of which, and after sundry otices, the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by the Bishop.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

SHELBYVILLE, TENN., Oct. 22, 1883.

The Conference convened at 3 o'clock P.M., Bishop Pierce in the chair.

The Journal of the morning session was read and approved.

W. H. Morrow, Chairman of the Joint Board of Finance, submitted and the Conference approved Report No. 4. (See Appendix.)

The report of the Conference Centenary Committee, which was under consideration when the Conference adjourned this morning, was resumed, and after discussion and amendment it was adopted (see Appendix), and the following Trustees of the Conference Centennial Fund were elected: D. C. Kelley, R. K. Brown, R. A. Young, R. P. McClain, and W. M. McCarthy.

The Committee on Education, through J. M. Wright, Chairman, submitted their report, which was read and adopted. (See Appendix.)

J. A. Orman, Chairman Conference Board of Missions, reported the assessments on the several Districts the ensuing year, which was approved. (See Appendix.)

On motion of Wm. Doss, the Conference adjourned to meet at the Methodist church at 7 o'clock P.M. The benediction was pronounced by J. B. McFerrin.

NIGHT SESSION.

SHELBYVILLE, TENN., Oct. 22, 1883.

The Conference convened at the Methodist church at 7 o'clock P.M., J. B. McFerrin in the chair. After a hymn, R. E. Travis led in prayer.

The following resolutions of thanks were offered and adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the members of the Tennessee Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, return most grateful thanks to the people of Shelbyville for their liberal hospitality during the session of the Conference at this place, and pray the benediction of the Most High upon the people who dwell here. Thanks are also tendered the railroad authorities for special accommodations extended to the members of this body; thanks to the pastors of the various Churches, and to the Committee of Arrangements, who have contributed so much to our comfort; also to the Nashville daily papers for reporting the proceedings of the Conference.

T. P. WEAKLEY,
W. H. MORROW.

J. M. Wright, Chairman of the Board of Education, submitted the following resolution as Report No. 2, which was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Tennessee Conference that the time has arrived when some measure should be inaugurated looking to aid in the education of the daughters of our itinerant ministers.

J. M. WRIGHT, *Chairman*.

QUESTION 19. *What preachers have died during the past year?*

The name of Stith H. Andrews was called, when the Committee on Memoirs, through W. M. Green, Chairman, read a deeply interesting memoir of the deceased brother. Appropriate and affecting remarks were made by J. J. Comer and J. G. Ray, after which the report was adopted by a silent vote. (See Appendix) The name of William D. Givan, of the class of the first year, was called, when W. D. Cherry gave an interesting account of the life and death of this young and promising itinerant preacher. In a very quiet way the members of the Conference contributed \$92.14 for the widow of Stith H. Andrews.

Bishop Pierce arrived and took the chair. The following were announced as the Joint Board of Finance for the ensuing year:

Nashville District—T. A. Kerley, W. H. Morrow.
Murfreesboro District—H. B. Blue, T. B. Miles.
Carthage District—T. H. Hinson, John A. Fite.
McMinnville District—N. B. S. Owings, A. L. Comer.
Shelbyville District—S. M. Parks, E. Shapard.
Columbia District—J. M. Jordan, J. L. Morris.
Savannah District—J. G. Bolton, H. B. Sowell.
Franklin District—W. H. Wilkes, J. L. Parkes.
Centerville District—J. W. Hensley, Robert Steele.
Clarksville District—J. G. Rice, S. A. Caldwell.

The following Visiting Committees were appointed:

Nashville College for Young Ladies—G. P. Jackson, T. A. Kerley, R. K. Brown.
Martin Female College—W. Weakley, W. J. Collier, J. B. Anderson.
Culleoka Institute—J. B. West, S. M. Cherry, W. R. Peebles.
Tennessee Female College—W. Mooney, W. H. Doss, W. A. Turner.
Soule Female College—A. G. Dinwiddie, W. G. Dorris, W. M. Leftwich.
Bedford College—J. M. Wright, H. S. McBride, H. C. Tucker.

The Bishop read and the Conference sung hymn 276, and after a brief address, which was full of wisdom, pathos, and power, the Bishop read the appointments as follows, after which the Seventieth Session of the Tennessee Annual Conference was adjourned with the benediction:

QUESTION 32. *Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

NASHVILLE DISTRICT.

R. K. Brown, P. E.

Nashville:

McKendree, J. D. Barbee.
 Elm Street, J. P. McFerrin.
 Carroll Street, W. D. F. Sawrie.
 North High Street, J. D. Scott.
 West End and Vanderbilt University,
 R. T. Nabors.
 Tulip Street, W. M. Leftwich; J. B.
 Hamilton, Sup.
 Hobson's Chapel, W. Burr; W. R. War-
 ren, Sup.
 Foster Street, G. L. Beale.
 Greenland, G. P. Jackson.
 Woodbine, W. T. Dye.
 Arlington, T. A. Kerley.
 Hermitage, S. W. Bransford.
 Nashville Circuit, G. W. Winn, J. Ste-
 phan.
 Park Avenue and Mission, W. Doss.
 Clifton and Bytown, Alonzo Monk.
 Book Agent, J. B. McFerrin.
 Missionary Secretary, R. A. Young.
 Missionary Treasurer, D. C. Kelley.
 Missionary to Brazil, J. J. Ransom.
 Missionary to China, W. R. Lambuth.

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.

W. G. Dorris, P. E.

Murfreesboro Station, A. G. Dinwiddie;
 G. T. Henderson, Sup.
 Stone's River, J. W. Cullom.
 Concord, T. B. Fisher; C. B. Faris, Sup.
 Lebanon Station, J. B. Erwin.
 Lebanon Circuit, B. F. Ferrill.
 Hollandale, R. P. Ransom.
 Cainesville, T. S. Cullom; S. Lassiter,
 Sup.
 Gallatin Station, B. F. Haynes.
 Bethphage and Castalian Springs, J. G.
 Ray.
 Cairo Bend, Jasper Nichols; J. J. Ellis,
 Sup.
 Saundersville and Midway, H. B. Blue.
 Sumner, J. J. Pittman.
 Pleasant Grove, G. M. Sanders.
 Goodlettsville, W. W. Graves.
 El Dorado, W. D. Cherry.
 Fountain Head Mission, Alex. Matthews.
 Soule Female College, J. R. Thompson.

CARTHAGE DISTRICT.

B. G. Ferrill, P. E.

Carthage Station, M. N. Ford.
 Alexandria, T. H. Hinson.
 Livingston, R. A. Wilson.
 Cumberland, J. G. Hinson.
 Goose Creek, J. L. Kellum.
 Mount Olivet, N. A. Anthony.
 Cookeville, W. P. Swindell.
 Wartrace, H. J. Ivie.
 La Fayette, J. S. Napier.
 Cokesbury, J. Webster.

Gainesboro Mission, to be supplied by J.
 S. Moore.
 Celina Circuit and Birdtown Mission, Z.
 W. Moores, J. M. Patterson; H. S.
 Kennedy, Sup.
 Liberty, J. G. Molloy.
 Woodbury, J. O. Blanton.

McMINNVILLE DISTRICT.

G. W. Anderson, P. E.

McMinnville Station, H. B. Reams.
 McMinnville Circuit, to be supplied by
 E. G. Robertson.
 Sparta Station, S. L. Fain.
 Sparta Circuit, D. S. Thompson; W. N.
 Moore, Sup.
 Manchester and Tullahoma Station, R.
 A. Reagan.
 Smithville Station, J. T. Blackwood; E.
 L. Jones, Sup.
 Hickory Valley Mission, to be supplied
 by W. M. Dinges.
 Hillsboro, W. H. Gilbert.
 Beech Grove, J. J. Pitts.
 Short Mountain, to be supplied by A. L.
 Comer; A. H. Reams, Sup.
 Hickory Creek, G. B. McPeak.
 Manchester, N. B. S. Owings.
 Caney Fork Mission, to be supplied.
 Spencer Mission, to be supplied.
 Altamont Mission, J. C. Myers.
 Tracy City, W. W. Pinson.
 Mont Eagle Mission, G. D. Guinn.

SHELBYVILLE DISTRICT.

J. F. Hughes, P. E.

Shelbyville Station, J. M. Wright.
 Winchester Station, J. T. Curry.
 Salem, J. G. Myers.
 Elk River, to be supplied by J. Massey.
 Fayetteville Station, J. C. Putman.
 Fayetteville Circuit, T. H. Woodward.
 Cornersville and Lewisburg Station, J.
 F. Tinnon.
 Petersburg, W. McQueen.
 Lynchburg, to be supplied by H. Smith.
 Normandy Mission, to be supplied by G.
 W. Cooke.
 Macedonia, to be supplied by J. Beasley.
 Medium and Moore Chapel Station, G.
 D. Byrne.
 Swan, to be supplied by E. B. Worsham.
 Rich Valley, S. M. Parks.
 Dryden Chapel and Mission, B. J. Gas-
 ton.
 Lynchburg and Mulberry Station, J. W.
 Bell.
 Marble Plain and Bethel Station, T. L.
 Darnell.
 Tullahoma, to be supplied by S. J. Chas-
 teen.
 Wartrace Station, H. C. Tucker, M. S.
 Stewart.
 Mt. Moriah and Bethel, G. W. Blanton.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

T. J. Duncan, P. E.

Columbia Station, J. B. West.
Mt. Pleasant Station, J. M. Jordan.
Bigbyville, S. M. Cherry.
Culleoka, J. R. Plummer.
Lynnville, R. W. Seay.
Forest Grove, W. R. Peebles.
Diana, C. Heriges; A. M. Ezell, Sup.
Pleasant Valley, R. L. Fagan.
Olivet and Pleasant Hill Station, G. S. Byrom.
Pulaski Station, W. Weakley.
Mt. Pisgah, J. B. Anderson.
Trinity, M. R. Tucker.
Prospect, J. H. Nichols.
Richland, J. P. Funk.
Elkton Station, R. R. Jones.
Elkton Mission, J. C. Mials; W. H. Riggan, Sup.
Bee Spring and Shiloh, W. J. Collier.
Blanch, J. T. Duncan.
Culleoka Institute, L. R. Amis, Professor.

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.

J. W. Hill, P. E.

Franklin Station, W. M. Green.
Douglass, W. B. Lowry.
Spring Hill Station, W. H. Wilkes.
College Grove, W. Mooney.
Chapel Hill, W. A. Turner.
Brentwood and Johnson, W. H. Doss.
Bethesda, I. W. Keathley.
Harpeth Station, W. T. Rowland.
Pope and Mt. Zion, J. W. Hatcher.
Berlin, W. P. Owen.
Kedron, R. P. Gray.
Nolensville, L. C. Bryan.
Bellbuckle, H. S. McBride; T. B. Marks, Sup.
Spring Hill Circuit, A. T. Goodloe.
Bethlehem and White, J. R. Reagan.
Unionville, R. M. Haggard, W. T. Haggard; W. M. Shaw, Sup.
Fernvale, to be supplied.
Bedford College, A. T. Crawford, President.

SAVANNAH DISTRICT.

P. A. Sowell, P. E.

Savannah Station, L. Powell.
Savannah Circuit, J. R. Harris.
Clifton, to be supplied by T. S. Duncan.
Flatwood Mission, J. S. Curtiss.
Linden, G. W. McBride.
Lowryville, J. W. Rooker.
Wayland Springs, J. G. Gibson.
Lawrenceburg, J. W. Faris.

Oakland Mission, to be supplied by B. F. Rambo; H. L. Boothe, Sup.
Laurel Hill, to be supplied by T. B. Reams.
Henryville Mission, to be supplied by J. Ledbetter; W. P. Warren, Sup.
Enterprise, W. H. Hughes; J. H. Strayhorn, Sup.
Hampshire and Pisgah, M. J. Mabry.
Williamsport, J. G. Bolton.

CENTERVILLE DISTRICT.

J. J. Comer, P. E.

Centerville Station, E. K. Denton.
Centerville Circuit, H. O. Moore.
Pinewood, W. P. Hickman.
Duck River, to be supplied by J. M. Oakley.
Ebenezer and Liberty, J. W. Hensley.
Waverly Station, C. S. Gabard.
Standing Rock and Danville Circuit, J. N. Handlin.
Dover, U. N. M. Berry.
Erin and Cumberland City, J. K. Lee.
White Oak, to be supplied by P. H. Hunt.
Yellow Creek, H. S. Ledbetter; W. T. Nesbitt, Sup.
Dickson, B. H. Johnson.
White Bluff Mission, J. E. Cole.
Warner Mission, to be supplied by W. H. Hunter.
Santa Fe, E. W. White.
McEwen, G. W. Johnson.

CLARKSVILLE DISTRICT.

J. A. Orman, P. E.

Clarksville Station, T. L. Moody.
New Providence and Bethel, R. J. Craig; W. W. Brinsfield, Sup.
Montgomery, W. Witcher; R. W. Bellamy, Sup.
Palmyra, R. P. Gannaway.
Cheatham, Garrett W. Martin.
Ashland City and Pleasant View, J. A. McFerrin.
Red River, O. G. Halliburton.
Springfield Station, A. R. Faris.
Cedar Hill, J. G. Rice.
Port Royal, W. A. Leath; A. B. Coke, Sup.
Asbury, W. G. Hensley.
State Line Mission, A. P. McFerrin.
Antioch, B. M. Stephens.
Saline, W. M. Rippey.
Sunday-school Agent, R. E. Travis.
Transferred—C. H. Yates, to Memphis Conference; Wilson Arnold, to St. Louis Conference; W. S. Scott, to Arkansas Conference.

APPENDIX.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

NASHVILLE DISTRICT.						McMINNVILLE DISTRICT.					
CHARGES.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Col'd Members.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	CHARGES.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Col'd Members.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.
Nashville: McKendree	7	890	...	7	3	McMinnville Station....	1	208	...	15	10
Elm Street.....	5	692	...	9	27	McMinnville Circuit....	1	336	...	3	1
Carroll Street.....	4	408	...	6	2	Sparta Station.....	3	107	...	3	...
North High Street....	1	178	...	12	8	Sparta Circuit.....	3	610	...	6	1
West End.....	4	240	...	5	39	Liberty	2	272	...	12	...
Tulip Street.....	2	592	...	27	7	Tullahoma.....	1	78	...	...	...
Hobson's Chapel.....	2	98	...	1	6	Smithville.....	...	114	...	1	...
Foster Street.....	2	253	...	...	2	Hickory Valley.....	4	322	...	45	3
Greenland .....	...	291	...	2	3	Short Mountain Miss'n.	1	511	...	60	44
Woodbine	1	237	...	4	2	Hickory Creek	4	840	...	33	16
Arlington.....	...	123	...	15	6	Hillsboro.....	6	575	...	25	8
Hermitage.....	1	344	...	18	...	Beech Grove.....	2	225	...	12	1
Nashville Circuit.....	7	356	...	12	...	Woodbury.....	2	310	...	73	...
Park Avenue.....	...	30	...	...	...	Manchester.....	...	540	...	30	17
Vanderbilt University.	18	50	...	...	2	Caney Fork Mission....	3	180	...	...	...
	54	4802	...	118	107	Spencer Mission.....	...	140	...	4	1
						Altamont.....	3	227	...	15	1
						Tracy City.....	...	124	...	15	5
							33	5719	...	352	108
MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.						SHELBYVILLE DISTRICT.					
Murfreesboro Station...	1	397	...	4	4	Shelbyville Station	1	224	...	11	2
Stone's River	2	409	...	26	3	Winchester.....	...	113	...	7	5
Concord.....	3	368	...	6	2	Mont Eagle.....	2	114	...	8	2
Lebanon Station.....	...	243	...	7	7	Salem.....	...	296	...	24	2
Lebanon Circuit.....	4	407	...	5	...	Kelso Mission.....	1	82	...	40	3
Hollandale.....	...	251	...	5	11	Fayetteville Station....	...	133	...	7	4
Cainsville	4	400	...	30	1	Fayetteville Circuit....	2	366	...	5	8
Cairo Bend.....	1	217	...	26	2	Corners'le & Lewis'b'g.	...	189	...	2	13
Gallatin Circuit.....	...	159	...	3	1	Petersburg .....	...	397	...	2	4
Sumner.....	1	237	...	4	2	Boonville	4	256	...	10	2
Pleasant Grove.....	2	430	...	10	3	Normandy Mission....	3	288	...	21	13
Goodlettsville	3	287	...	6	4	Macedonia	4	264	...	3	4
El Dorado.....	...	...	...	...	...	Medium.....	4	336	...	16	8
Fountain Head Miss'n.	1	564	...	13	7	Rich Valley.....	...	292	...	36	...
Baker's.....	3	240	...	14	1	Bedford.....	1	208	...	8	1
	25	4609	...	159	48	Lynchburg & Mulberry	1	220	...	8	9
						Marble Plains	5	677	...	58	10
						Wartrace & Mt. Moriah	1	234	...	21	3
							29	4689	...	287	93
GALLATIN DISTRICT.						COLUMBIA DISTRICT.					
Gallatin Station.....	...	221	...	2	3	Columbia Station.....	1	317	...	8	11
Bethphage and Trinity	1	218	...	6	5	Mt. Pleasant & Porter's	...	265	1	30	25
Carthage	1	248	...	2	1	Hurricane & Bigbyville	...	128	...	9	...
Alexandria.....	5	560	...	11	2	Culleoka	1	210	...	7	3
Livingston	4	513	...	15	6	Southport Mission.....	1	251	...	63	9
Cumberland	6	545	...	70	11	Lynnville	1	187	...	17	5
Goose Creek.....	...	370	...	21	1	Diana	1	342	...	22	...
Mt. Olivet.....	...	264	...	10	8	Pleasant Valley.....	1	346	...	14	...
Cookville.....	2	309	...	...	...	Olivet Station.....	...	140	...	3	2
Wartrace	3	412	...	15	3	Pulaski Station.....	1	421	...	10	1
La Fayette.....	4	368	...	8	3	Mt. Pisgah	9	617	...	62	8
Cokesbury.....	3	381	...	24	10						
Gainsboro Mission.....	2	225	...	12	2						
Celina.....	3	252	...	4	...						
Byrdstown Mission....	1	167	...	10	27						
	35	5054	...	210	82						

COLUMBIA DISTRICT (continued).

CHARGES.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Col'd Members.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.
Trinity	1	335	...	9	6
Prospect	1	455	...	51	82
Richland	1	335	...	2	14
Elkton Station.....	1	232	...	7	1
Bee Spring and Shiloh.	1	480	...	31	11
Blanch	1	480	...	38	7
	22	5541	1	383	183

SAVANNAH DISTRICT.

Savannah Station.....	1	133	...	2	4
Savannah Circuit.....	5	392	...	17	6
Clifton	2	299	...	15	2
Florida and Woods Mission.....	4	220	...	7	3
Linden	2	300	...	40	7
Waynesboro.....	2	120	...	...	...
Lowryville.....	3	346	...	20	9
Wayland Springs.....	5	211	...	12	5
Lawrenceburg.....	1	142	...	12	1
Oakland Mission.....	5	197	...	8	5
Laurel Hill Station.....	...	111	...	27	...
Henryville	2	151	...	5	6
Enterprise	1	166	...	4	...
Hampshire and Pisgah.....	2	133	...	1	...
Williamsport.....	3	270	...	7	9
	38	3201	...	177	57

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.

Franklin Station	1	318	...	2	6
Douglass Circuit .....	...	181	...	4	...
Spring Hill Station.....	...	85	...	3	2
College Grove.....	1	407	1	24	9
Chapel Hill.....	3	453	...	2	2
Brentwood	3	235	...	4	6
Bethesda	1	323	...	8	...
Harpeth Station.....	1	266	...	8	26
Pope and Mt. Zion.....	...	201	...	10	...
Berlin .....	...	392	...	6	5
Kedron.....	2	353	...	...	...
Nolensville .....	...	324	...	...	2
Bellbuckle .....	...	153	...	8	7
Spring Hill Circuit	5	313	...	20	7
Bethlehem & White's..	1	193	...	7	...
Unionville.....	1	639	...	32	2
Fernvale.....	2	212	...	3	5
	21	5048	1	141	79

CENTERVILLE DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Col'd Members.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.
Centerville.....	3	364	...	2	2
Santa Fe.....	6	433	...	19	22
Pinewood.....	4	185	...	5	5
Standing Rock.....	3	351	...	25	30
Dover.....	1	176	...	6	12
Danville.....	...	251	...	40	20
Ebenezer and Liberty..	5	519	...	21	13
Waverly.....	1	142	...	1	7
White Oak.....	2	201	...	25	9
Yellow Creek.....	6	300	...	16	3
Erin & Cumberland City	4	321	...	6	18
McEwen.....	2	250	...	9	5
Dickson	4	450	...	14	22
White Bluff Mission...	3	120	...	5	1
Warner Furnace Miss...	...	130	...	4	2
	44	4193	...	198	171

CLARKSVILLE DISTRICT.

Clarksville Station.....	1	379	...	...	7
New Provid'ce & Bethel	...	129	...	...	...
Montgomery.....	1	275	...	2	...
Palmyra.....	...	360	...	7	7
Cheatham .....	...	270	...	11	...
Ashland City and Pleasant View.....	3	284	...	26	...
Red River.....	2	487	...	35	21
Springfield Station	1	166	...	2	12
Cedar Hill.....	2	383	...	27	8
Port Royal.....	3	241	...	5	5
Asbury	2	752	...	80	8
State Line Mission.....	...	95	...	9	...
Antioch	3	694	...	20	10
Saline.....	3	529	...	46	...
	21	5044	...	270	82

RECAPITULATION.

Nashville District.....	54	4802	...	118	107
Murfreesboro "	25	4609	...	154	48
Gallatin "	35	5054	...	210	82
McMinnville "	33	5719	...	352	108
Shelbyville "	29	4689	...	287	93
Columbia "	22	5541	1	383	183
Savannah "	38	3201	...	177	57
Franklin "	21	5048	1	141	79
Centerville "	44	4193	...	198	171
Clarksville "	21	5044	...	270	83
Total this year.....	322	47,900	2	2290	1011
Total last year	324	46,137	6	2189	624
Increase.....	...	1,763	...	101	387
Decrease.....	2	...	4	...	...

Respectfully submitted.

THOMAS B. HOLT, Statistical Secretary.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

To the Bishop and Members of the Tennessee Conference, in session at Shelbyville, Tenn., Oct. 19, 1883.

Your Committee on Books and Periodicals beg leave to submit the following report, to which is appended a tabulated statement showing the work by districts, with a concise recapitulation for easy reference:

The incalculable power of the press for good or evil is a fact recognized by all thinking men. The philanthropist is startled when he considers how the press is being made an engine for evil. The publishers of light and poisonous literature are scattering throughout the entire land their baneful publications. It thus becomes necessary, if we wish to save our children and the Church from its contaminating and corrupting influence, that we supply them with morally healthful mental pabulum. And while our editors and publishers are furnishing such food as will aid in developing a proper literary taste and in promoting moral culture, it is our duty to use the utmost diligence in securing its circulation.

The Publishing House at Nashville, under the able management of Dr. J. B. McFerrin and the efficient Book Committee, has wrought not only a marvelous financial achievement, but a great work for good in our Connection and for the world. Let this grand enterprise have proper recognition at the hands of the Church by having its millions of pages distributed and cash returns made for the same as rapidly as they are issued from its busy presses.

The *Christian Advocate*, under the splendid editorial conduct of Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, is speedily moving forward to that high position as a religious weekly to which its great worth entitles it. The member of the Church who fails to read it is deprived of a literary feast and a spiritual blessing.

The *Advocate of Missions*, edited by Drs. Young, Kelley, and Morton, and the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, edited by Mrs. F. A. Butler, are live, sprightly papers, and are accomplishing great good in the cause of missions. They merit and should have a more general circulation.

The Sunday-school Committee will permit us to express our laudations of the Sunday-school periodicals, edited by Drs. Cunyningham and Lyons. Their attractive, entertaining, and instructive quarterlies, monthlies, and weeklies, suited not only to those of maturer minds, but adapted as well to the wants and tastes of our children, ought to be especially in every Southern Methodist Sunday-school and family.

The *Quarterly Review*, edited by the Rev. Dr. J. W. Hinton, at Macon, Ga., is a periodical of great value to the Church. In cheapness, typographical appearance, and literary worth, it compares favorably with any similar publication in the land. No preacher, who desires to be posted in the literary, scientific, and theological discussions of the day, can afford to be without it. Its "Library Table," "Views and Reviews," are great aids to the young preacher wishing advice of the experienced scholar concerning books which he may or may not read. A publication of its high rank ought to be sustained by a cultivated and progressive Church.

While we have not accomplished as much as we ought, yet it is with pleasure we note progress made by this Conference during the past year. The reports for this year exhibit an increase over last, in books sold, of more than 50 per cent.; in *Advocates* taken, about 12 per cent.; in other Church papers, 100 per cent.; in periodicals, 75 per cent. This is encouraging, yet we are far below the point of duty. The number of *Advocates* taken in the bounds of our Conference is about thirty-two hundred. This number, if trebled, would perhaps place one copy in every family of five persons in our Connection. This is a consummation devoutly to be wished, and with an earnest effort may be accomplished. With ten thousand copies of the *Advocate* distributed within our bounds, and a corresponding number of the *Missionary Advocates*, the Sunday-school publications properly circulated, the *Review* in the hands of our preachers, our people would be informed in reference to all the wants and achievements of the Church. Every interest would receive new and increased impetus, our collections would be largely increased and easily secured, and the general efficiency of the Church greatly promoted. But it is unnecessary to submit reports embodying lengthy arguments to convince an intelligent ministry and well-informed Church of the truth of these statements. And by readily admitting them, we stultify and condemn ourselves if we do not use the means in our power for suppressing the evil and promoting the good. May an energetic forward movement along the entire line, in the circulation of our papers and the sales of our books, be the harbinger of the grandest triumphs of the Church in the approaching centennial year.

NASHVILLE DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Amount of Books Sold.	Advocates Taken.	Other Church-papers.	Periodicals.
Nashville: McKendree		83		
Elm Street.....		38		
Carroll Street.....		20		
North High Street.....	\$ 12 40	26	2	
West End.....	64 20	36	15	1
Tulip Street.....	186 00	50		
Hobson's Chapel.....		15	6	3
Foster Street.....			250	
Greenland		15		
Woodbine.....	5 00	25	12	
Arlington.....	50 00	17	15	
Hermitage.....		12		
Nashville Circuit.....		13	2	
Park Avenue.....		8		
Vanderbilt Univ. Ch'ge		20	25	5
	\$317 60	378	327	9

McMINNVILLE DISTRICT (continued).

CHARGES.	Amount of Books Sold.	Advocates Taken.	Other Church-papers.	Periodicals.
Tullahoma Station		7	3	
Smithville.....	\$ 14 00	4	2	
Hickory Valley.....		4		
Short Mountain.....	18 00	12	1	
Hickory Creek.....	17 30	34	1	
Hillsboro.....		12		
Beech Grove.....	13 00	15		
Woodbury.....	65 00	12		
Manchester.....	23 85	14	5	
Caney Fork Mission.....				
Spencer Mission.....		3		
Altamont Mission.....	8 80	5		
Tracy City Station.....		15	6	
	\$283 10	227	37	

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.

Murfreesboro.....		42	3	2
Stone's River.....	\$ 15 00	48		
Concord.....	8 40	16	3	
Lebanon Station.....	13 00	59		
Lebanon Circuit.....	12 00	35	30	
Hollandale.....		17		
Cainsville.....	17 28	24		
Cairo Bend.....	2 50	12		
Gallatin Circuit.....	3 00	12		
Sumner.....	113 85	30		
Pleasant Grove.....	6 40	28		
Goodlettsville.....	3 00	20		
El Dorado.....	11 50	5		
Fountain Head Miss'n.....		10		
Baker's Station.....	2 65	16	3	
	\$208 58	374	39	2

GALLATIN DISTRICT.

Gallatin Station.....	\$ 50 00	25	5	
Bethphage and Trinity		11		
Carthage.....	85 00	17	4	1
Alexandria.....	27 95	65		5
Livingston.....	5 00	12		
Cumberland.....	57 00	15	8	8
Goose Creek.....		16		
Mt. Olivet.....	6 85	11	2	1
Cookeville.....	13 75	15		
Wartrace.....	86 16	21		1
La Fayette.....	56 00	15	1	
Cokesbury.....	90 00	21	3	
Gainesboro Mission.....	3 00	4		
Celina.....		3		
Byrdstown Mission.....	26 50	5		
	\$507 21	256	23	16

McMINNVILLE DISTRICT.

McMinnville Station.....	\$111 15	15	17	
McMinnville Circuit.....		12		
Sparta Station.....	12 00	26	2	
Sparta Circuit.....		18		
Liberty.....		19		

SHELBYVILLE DISTRICT.

Shelbyville.....	\$ 32 00	28	3	1
Winchester.....	27 50	17	9	19
Mont Eagle Mission.....		5		
Salem.....	14 20	12	9	
Kelso Mission.....		2		
Fayetteville Station.....	7 00	16	4	
Fayetteville Circuit.....	34 00	28		
Petersburg.....	26 68	58	4	
Booneville.....	10 00	18	3	
Normandy Mission.....	3 75	4		
Macedonia.....	7 00	8		
Medium.....	4 00	19	6	
Rich Valley.....	30 00	20	5	
Bedford.....	5 00	14		
Lynchburg and Mulberry.....	20 00	29	2	
Marble Plains.....	13 00	21		
Cornersville and Lewisburg.....	100 00	28		
Wartrace and Mt. Moriah.....	66 25	23	10	1
	\$400 38	350	56	21

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

Columbia.....	\$ 1 00	40		
Mt. Pleasant and Porter's.....		25		
Hurricane and Bigbyville.....		15		
Culleoka Station.....	10 25	22	4	
Southport Mission.....	19 00	13		
Lynnville.....		16	3	
Diana.....	2 30	16		
Pleasant Valley.....	75 87	20	4	1
Olivet Station.....		5		
Pulaski.....		26	6	4
Mt. Pisgah.....		23		1
Trinity.....	5 00	14	5	
Prospect.....	74 30	26		
Richland.....	15 25	13	2	1
Elkton Station.....	23 00	10	5	1
Bee Spring and Shiloh.....	15 00	22	2	
Blanch.....	15 00	12		
	\$255 97	318	31	8

SAVANNAH DISTRICT.					CENTERVILLE DISTRICT (continued).				
CHARGES.	Amount of Books Sold.	Advocates Taken.	Other Church-papers.	Periodicals.	CHARGES.	Amount of Books Sold.	Advocates Taken.	Other Church-papers.	Periodicals.
Savannah Station.....	\$ 27 00	20	7	..	Ebenezer and Liberty..	\$ 10 00	90	.....	26
Savannah Circuit.....	28 00	15	1	..	Waverly.....	11 00	9	3	..
Clifton	70 00	19	..	..	White Oak.....	35 00	9	3	..
Flatwoods Mission.....	.....	12	..	..	Yellow Creek.....	.....	12	..	..
Linden.....	25 00	32	4	..	Erin and Cumberland..	25 00	18	10	..
Waynesboro.....	3 10	10	..	..	McEwin.....	1 50	4	..	..
Lowryville.....	2 50	8	..	6	Dickson.....	10 00	20	..	..
Wayland Springs.....	3 00	13	3	..	White Bluff Mission ..	1 00	5	..	..
Lawrenceburg.....	53 78	14	3	..	Warner's Furnace Mis.	12 00	.....	..	..
Oakland Mission.....	.....	2	..	..	Danville.....	.....	.....	..	..
Laurel Hill Station.....	64 75	5	1	..					
Henryville Mission.....	20 00	5	..	..		\$130 50	257	26	38
Enterprise .....	.....	8	..	..			
Hampshire & Pisgah...	36 80	16	2	..					
Williamsport	10 00	22	2	..					
	\$343 93	201	23	6					

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.					CLARKSVILLE DISTRICT.				
CHARGES.	Amount of Books Sold.	Advocates Taken.	Other Church-papers.	Periodicals.	CHARGES.	Amount of Books Sold.	Advocates Taken.	Other Church-papers.	Periodicals.
Franklin Station .....	.....	33	20	..	Clarksville Station.....	.....	25	5	..
Douglas	\$ 5 00	15	..	..	New Providence and Bethel.....	.....	15	.....	..
Spring Hill Station.....	20 00	15	8	1	Montgomery.....	\$ 1 20	22	4	7
College Grove Station..	32 25	85	20	1	Palmyra.....	10 00	8	3	..
Chapel Hill Station.....	12 00	47	2	1	Cheatham	6 00	4	..	..
Brentwood.....	.....	20	4	..	Ashland City Station..	.....	30	..	..
Bethesda	6 00	27	.....	..	Red River.....	10 00	26	..	..
Harpeth Station.....	.....	48	2	1	Springfield Station.....	22 75	24	..	..
Pope and Mt. Zion.....	21 00	18	1	11	Cedar Hill.....	13 00	38	..	..
Berlin .....	.....	15	.....	..	Port Royal.....	.....	30	..	..
Kedron.....	.....	13	.....	..	Asbury .....	.....	75	1	4
Nolensville.....	25 00	35	.....	..	State Line Mission.....	.....	15	.....	..
Bellbuckle.....	.....	24	.....	3	Antioch.....	13 00	56	..	..
Spring Hill Circuit.....	7 25	27	1	..	Saline.....	70 00	18	4	..
Bethlehem & White's..	4 50	19	5	..					
Unionville.....	51 00	90	2	1		\$145 95	386	17	11
Fernvale.....	.....	2	.....	..			
	\$184 00	533	65	19					

CENTERVILLE DISTRICT.					RECAPITULATION.				
CHARGES.	Amount of Books Sold.	Advocates Taken.	Other Church-papers.	Periodicals.	CHARGES.	Amount of Books Sold.	Advocates Taken.	Other Church-papers.	Periodicals.
Centerville.....	.....	27	.....	..	Nashville District.....	\$ 317 60	378	327	9
Santa Fe.....	\$12 00	12	.....	..	Murfreesboro "	268 58	374	39	2
Pinewood.....	8 00	11	4	12	Gallatin "	507 21	256	23	16
Standing Rock.....	.....	10	.....	..	McMinnville "	283 10	227	37	..
Dover	5 00	30	6	..	Shelbyville "	400 38	350	56	21
					Columbia "	255 97	318	31	8
					Savannah "	343 93	201	23	6
					Franklin "	184 00	533	65	19
					Centerville "	130 50	257	26	38
					Clarksville "	145 95	386	17	11
						\$2,777 22	3230	644	130

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. HUGHES, *Ch'n*; W. WITCHER, *Sec.*;
 JOHN B. ERWIN, G. L. BEALE,
 J. W. IRWIN, J. H. CURTIS,
 H. B. REAMS, T. M. N. JONES,
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BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible Cause beg leave to submit their report. Our report must be of a general character. We have received but few specific reports, and in the absence of statistics we are not prepared to approximate. But we do most heartily appreciate the necessity of the universal circulation of the Word of God. We are assured of its potency in giving light to the world, and that it alone contains the will of God concerning men. And in so far as we are able to gather in-

formation, we learn with gratitude that this Book of books has a well-nigh universal circulation in the bounds of our Annual Conference.

We recognize the efficiency of the American Bible Society in distributing the Word of God in destitute places. We also acknowledge with pleasure the zeal, energy, and activity of the Rev. George H. Savage as the agent of this grand enterprise. We find in many of our counties Bible depositories, and from these centers colporteurs are employed to canvass the counties and supply destitute families with the Word of God. But we feel that more attention should be given to this great cause, and that our brethren should see to it that this great work does not suffer for want of their influence; and we regret that so little attention is given to this matter in our annual reports. In view of the above, we submit the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That we acknowledge the American Bible Society as a grand factor in the evangelization of the world, and that we fully appreciate its efficiency in our own land.

"Resolved, That we are in sympathy and will coöperate with Dr. Savage in his work of distribution by recommending this cause to our people, and encourage them to contribute to this enterprise.

"Resolved, That we will give more attention to this whole matter hereafter, and that we will present to the Committee on the Bible Cause an itemized account of whatever is done for this cause from our respective charges at our Annual Conferences."

Respectfully submitted.
LEWIS POWELL, Sec.

W. G. HENSLEY, Ch'n.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your committee are sorry to report a decrease in many Sunday-school items. While this can partly be accounted for by the careless and uncertain way in which many reports are made up, yet there is a wrong somewhere; some districts have increased in many respects, and other districts, equally as comfortably and conveniently situated, have fallen off. Your committee find some charges without schools, and some with union schools. Certainly no church or charge can be long, if at all, in a good spiritual and financial condition when Sunday-schools and the salvation of the children are neglected. Union schools are not as satisfactory as our own schools, and do not lead to that manner of education among our children and young people most desired by the Church, and so necessary to its growth and prosperity.

In many of the reports handed in it appears that no literature at all is taken, and very especially so for the little ones of the schools. It is true, as said by our Sunday-school Editor, Brother W. G. E. Cunyningham, "that no Sunday-school can or will prosper without lesson helps, etc." Nor do we think any Sunday-school can grow and thrive where the little children are neglected, and the Sunday-school made to them a mere task-master, or place of confinement. They should have some of our bright literature and Sunday-school cards.

Your committee would urge that more time and money be spent for our Sunday-schools and children. The Church will be more prosperous in every way if it draws its membership more from the Sunday-schools than to depend on transplanting old timber, which requires time and attention to make it live in the Church. If we can get all of the children into the Sunday-school, and thence into the Church, sinners will soon be an exception to the general rule.

Your committee find that some of the pastors have made their reports in a careless and uncertain manner, using such expressions as "Don't know," "Can't tell," "Not many," "Rained out," etc. Such reports are not only unsatisfactory, but worthless, and account for the decrease shown this year. We beg preachers to use only facts and figures, which can always be obtained with proper zeal and diligence.

Your committee would most respectfully submit the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That we highly approve of the quality and character of our Sunday-school literature, and that we are satisfied it is as cheap as any publication of similar quality published by any other denomination.

"Resolved, That we congratulate the Sunday-schools and the Church upon the election of the Rev. J. A. Lyons as Assistant Sunday-school Editor, and that we feel that his election will not only relieve and aid our excellent and worthy Editor, W. G. E. Cunyningham, but will also prove a blessing to the Church and Sunday-school.

"Resolved, That the preachers of each pastoral charge be requested and urged

to report to the presiding elders at each Quarterly Conference the kind of literature being used in their various Sunday-schools, and that Quarterly Conferences be requested to in no way lend either aid or countenance to the use of any literature but that published for our Sunday-schools by the M. E. Church, South.

"Resolved, That the Publishing House be requested to print and furnish to the presiding elders properly ruled and printed blanks, like the ones prepared and used in this report, or some other like suitable form, and that the presiding elders be requested to transcribe on to said blanks the reports from the preachers in charge of work in their respective districts, and that they add thereto any facts or remarks they may deem proper, and return the same, with the reports of the preachers, to the Sunday-school Board at each succeeding Conference.

"Resolved, That the Book Agent be requested to so change the blanks now used by the preachers in charge as to make them conform to the grades and names of our Sunday-school literature.

"Resolved, That we heartily indorse and recommend to our preachers, superintendents, officers, and teachers of Sunday-schools, the excellent and practical book, 'The Sunday School and its Methods,' by the Rev. J. A. Lyons."

The Sunday-school Board would most respectfully submit the following report, as taken and stated from the reports on file from the various charges, together with a comparison of this and last years' recapitulations:

NASHVILLE DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	Visitors Taken.	Magazines Taken.	Quarterlies Taken.	Little People Taken.	Money Expended.
Nashville: McKendree.....	2	39	320	551	250	31	318	60	\$313 20
Elm Street.....	1	34	441	400	250	6	350	100	274 19
Carroll Street.....	3	27	285	224	148	32	197	80	184 48
North High Street.....	1	12	120	551	.....	13	102	.....	69 38
West End.....	3	30	237	600	.....	25	50	40	27 79
Tulip Street.....	1	41	355	1120	260	50	300	80	642 59
Hermitage.....	4	27	184	256	14	10	99	58	21 00
Park Avenue.....	1	16	225	125	60	12	120	60	20 57
Hobson's Chapel.....	1	8	74	150	44	12	90	60	36 75
Foster Street.....	1	12	184	.....	85	20	96	55	132 70
Greenland.....	2	20	198	416	.....	20	130	90	.....
Woodbine.....	6	47	299	381	35	84	116	133	101 20
Arlington.....	2	17	153	381	35	4	65	52	98 77
Nashville Circuit.....	2	12	50	60	24	3	48	24	8 00
Total.....	30	342	3125	5218	1205	332	2081	892	\$1,930 62

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.

Murfreesboro Station.....	1	21	199	150	150	15	225	50	\$108 83
Stone's River.....	7	50	360	260	80	12	140	60	15 00
Concord.....	3	18	114	80	10	8	75	44	15 40
Lebanon Station.....	1	19	140	200	100	18	110	30	54 00
Lebanon Circuit.....	5	30	225	.....	.....	12	162	37	33 00
Hollandale.....	3	18	75	250	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00
Cainsville.....	5	25	150	.....	.....	.....	54	36	17 00
Cairo Bend.....	2	12	70	.....	20	4	12	22	5 60
Gallatin Circuit.....	4	13	213	.....	.....	13	99	65	18 70
Sumner.....	4	22	125	900	.....	18	76	31	49 80
Pleasant Grove.....	1	6	20	.....	2	.....	11	5	.....
Goodlettsville.....	3	26	125	200	40	18	90	50	49 40
El Dorado.....	3	13	100	10	.....	.....	20	.....	5 00
Fountain Head Mission.....	6	25	150	.....	.....	.....	55	30	4 00
Baker's.....	4	37	209	206	45	6	131	64	34 75
Total.....	52	335	2275	2256	447	124	1260	524	\$422 48

GALLATIN DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	Visitors Taken.	Magazines Taken.	Quarterlies Taken.	Little People Taken.	Money Expended.
Gallatin Station.....	1	16	162	100	100	20	240	.....	\$30 00
Carthage.....	5	32	230	65	23	7	87	23	37 50
Alexandria.....	5	35	366	251	.....	16	113	101	32 45
Livingston.....	5	21	126	.....	3	5	80	70	16 20
Cumberland.....	3	18	225	50	10	3	75	50	20 00
Goose Creek.....	3	14	153	.....	.....	10	39	14	7 00
Mt. Olivet.....	1	7	45	.....	5	1	.....	.....	3 00
Cookeville.....	1	5	50	.....	.....	4	10	25	8 00
Wartrace.....	1	10	217	.....	.....	.....	72	.....	7 20
La Fayette.....	4	.....	190	.....	.....	.....	55	45	17 95
Cokesbury.....	2	16	120	36	.....	3	84	.....	14 10
Gainesboro Mission.....	3	16	166	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Celina.....	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Byrdstown Mission.....	2	16	100	.....	5	3	10	10	5 00
Bethphage and Trinity.....	2	10	140	50	.....	6	40	20	14 00
Total.....	38	216	2290	552	146	78	905	358	\$232 40

McMINNVILLE DISTRICT.

McMinnville Station.....	2	15	149	225	.....	6	135	.....	\$91 75
McMinnville Circuit.....	2	13	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00
Sparta Circuit.....	8	28	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Sparta Station.....	1	9	85	.....	45	3	51	25	35 00
Liberty.....	4	21	135	212	.....	8	80	40	28 00
Tullahoma.....	1	12	52	180	20	3	70	30	15 30
Smithville.....	1	9	115	60	.....	.....	60	30	20 00
Hickory Valley.....	6	30	269	.....	.....	5	10	10	.....
Short Mountain Mission.....	2	8	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hickory Creek.....	9	50	500	.....	.....	8	140	60	30 00
Hillsboro.....	7	20	325	.....	.....	.....	70	100	12 00
Beech Grove.....	3	18	150	.....	1	5	100	.....	15 00
Woodbury.....	4	8	225	50	.....	.....	12	28	5 00
Manchester.....	7	26	225	100	.....	4	87	24	20 00
Caney Fork Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spencer Mission.....	2	5	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Altamont.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tracy City.....	1	13	150	.....	50	12	100	50	60 00
Total.....	60	285	3005	827	116	54	915	397	\$359 05

SHELBYVILLE DISTRICT.

Shelbyville Station.....	1	19	115	75	75	10	160	25	\$78 93
Winchester Station.....	1	11	85	.....	.....	6	128	24	27 50
Mont Eagle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00
Salem.....	1	4	40	20	.....	.....	20	10	8 80
Kelso Mission.....	2	9	61	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fayetteville Station.....	1	12	94	.....	.....	11	110	30	25 70
Fayetteville Circuit.....	2	9	40	.....	.....	3	20	15	4 50
Cainsville and Lewisburg.....	2	10	110	100	20	1	70	30	27 00
Petersburg.....	1	4	56	.....	.....	3	12	12	5 85
Boonville.....	3	12	125	50	5	3	30	10	5 00
Normandy Mission.....	3	21	94	.....	.....	.....	120	71	3 90
Macedonia.....	4	14	115	80	.....	.....	15	.....	10 00
Medium.....	4	23	200	.....	.....	10	149	24	35 00
Rich Valley.....	3	12	120	100	.....	12	60	20	8 00
Bedford.....	3	14	101	.....	1	12	55	36	90
Lynchburg and Mulberry.....	2	20	160	200	.....	8	100	50	50 00
Marble Plains.....	5	18	350	160	10	3	108	.....	38 45
Wartrace and Mt. Moriah.....	3	21	203	90	60	8	155	65	101 65
Total.....	41	233	2069	875	171	90	1312	427	\$457 18

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	Visitors Taken.	Magazines Taken.	Quarterlies Taken.	Little People Taken.	Money Expended.
Columbia Station.....	1	21	210	150	100	25	100	75	\$101 12
Mt. Pleasant and Porter's.....	2	20	140	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	20
Hurricane and Bigbyville.....	2	14	125	.....	.....	9	50	62	16 00
Culleoka.....	1	7	90	341	7	7	50	30	15 40
Southport Mission.....	3	13	123	163	.....	3	60	67	13 00
Lynnville.....	3	15	105	125	.....	3	36	24	12 00
Diana.....	3	16	159	.....	.....	2	127	71	11 15
Pleasant Valley.....	2	22	83	150	1	13	36	36	15 00
Olivet.....	1	11	63	51	.....	.....	20	35	5 00
Pulaski Station.....	3	34	265	.....	60	24	200	60	41 40
Mt. Pisgah.....	4	21	145	.....	.....	21	105	55	11 55
Trinity.....	5	30	200	50	.....	16	100	60	20 00
Prospect.....	4	23	275	.....	3	3	164	100	34 57
Richland.....	3	14	108	30	.....	9	70	36	28 00
Elkton.....	4	25	223	.....	.....	6	87	84	26 35
Bee Springs and Shiloh.....	3	13	140	100	2	7	.....	24	33 00
Blanch.....	3	21	198	.....	.....	6	50	50	10 45
Total.....	47	320	2652	1160	173	162	1255	869	\$394 19

SAVANNAH DISTRICT.

Savannah Station.....	1	13	90	.....	40	8	80	30	\$20 00
Savannah Circuit.....	3	16	200	.....	33	6	30	60	21 00
Clifton.....	8	40	200	100	.....	.....	60	100	20 00
Flatwood Mission.....	5	10	145	.....	.....	.....	25	25	88
Linden.....	1	6	40	.....	.....	6	36	24	12 50
Waynesboro.....	3	15	78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 45
Lowryville.....	6	35	118	150	.....	5	60	90	10 00
Wayland Springs.....	1	6	40	.....	10	.....	30	15	8 00
Lawrenceburg.....	4	18	149	55	.....	.....	76	30	9 15
Oakland Mission.....	3	15	95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 10
Laurel Hill.....	1	11	100	.....	.....	9	30	20	16 33
Henryville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	24	2 55
Enterprise.....	2	8	67	.....	8	3	35	16	13 00
Hampshire and Pisgah.....	2	12	91	36	.....	10	57	33	13 33
Williamsport.....	3	24	170	12	6	4	124	47	31 00
Total.....	43	229	1583	353	97	51	661	514	\$185 29

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.

Franklin Station.....	1	21	139	275	120	30	135	20	\$47 63
Douglass.....	4	20	111	150	1	.....	86	43	10 00
Spring Hill Station.....	1	8	52	.....	20	8	52	25	17 50
College Grove.....	4	40	275	205	48	18	142	77	42 15
Chapel Hill.....	3	20	258	.....	.....	1	166	55	17 50
Brentwood and Johnson.....	3	15	150	100	.....	12	75	60	20 00
Bethesda.....	6	20	300	55	30	10	116	50	21 00
Harpeth.....	2	13	120	138	10	78	60	24	61 00
Pope and Mt. Zion.....	3	12	120	100	6	8	87	35	28 00
Berlin.....	1	8	75	.....	12	.....	33	34	6 57
Kedron.....	3	12	159	153	.....	4	60	89	17 43
Nolensville.....	3	27	179	157	25	18	127	.....	26 75
Bellbuckle.....	1	9	100	.....	.....	45	15	25	10 00
Spring Hill Circuit.....	4	18	153	.....	36	5	64	24	9 00
Bethlehem and White.....	2	10	69	250	.....	6	44	18	9 60
Unionville.....	7	35	330	.....	10	6	258	100	88 55
Fernvale.....	4	24	100	.....	48	6	50	12	10 00
Total.....	52	312	2690	1583	366	255	1570	691	\$442 68

CENTERVILLE DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Sunday-schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	Visitors Taken.	Magazines Taken.	Quarterlies Taken.	Little People Taken.	Money Expended.
Centerville Circuit.....	4	38	192	.....	24	20	131	.....	.....
Santa Fe.....	2	14	90	.....	.....	2	80	20	\$10 75
Pinewood.....	1	5	35	130	12	4	12	.....	6 35
Standing Rock.....	3	14	241	250	.....	3	20	40	6 53
Dover.....	3	12	175	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00
Danville.....	8	16	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ebenezer and Liberty.....	5	25	470	.....	.....	18	200	60	55 00
Waverly.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
White Oak.....	5	24	204	.....	.....	1	50	60	9 00
Yellow Creek.....	6	.....	207	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00
Erin and Cumberland.....	7	47	366	100	.....	12	160	114	40 28
McEwen.....	1	5	30	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dickson Station.....	9	54	360	100	.....	2	60	60	15 00
Dickson Circuit.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Warner's Furnace Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
White Bluff Mission.....	3	23	87	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 50
Total.....	57	277	2657	830	36	62	713	354	\$172 41

CLARKSVILLE DISTRICT.

Clarksville Station.....	1	20	148	150	100	22	110	60	\$167 20
New Providence and Bethel.....	1	7	57	.....	60	10	60	25	20 00
Montgomery.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Palmyra.....	2	20	100	75	1	.....	18	9	6 55
Cheatham.....	2	11	78	150	.....	4	25	30	6 00
Ashland and Pleasant View.....	2	25	170	90	6	18	120	50	27 00
Red River.....	4	30	231	356	.....	3	233	102	20 35
Springfield Station.....	1	7	140	142	.....	4	75	35	40 14
Cedar Hill.....	4	16	150	200	8	8	50	60	18 00
Port Royal.....	3	12	75	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	12 00
Asbury.....	5	25	250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00
State Line Mission.....	1	8	40	.....	.....	.....	60	15	11 50
Antioch.....	8	80	560	300	5	6	112	.....	27 50
Saline.....	10	40	400	100	1	30	200	40	32 00
Total.....	44	301	2419	1563	181	120	1063	426	\$438 24

RECAPITULATION.

Nashville District.....	30	342	3125	5218	1205	332	2081	892	\$1930 68
Franklin District.....	52	312	2690	1583	360	255	1570	69	642 62
Columbia District.....	47	320	2652	1160	173	162	1255	869	394 19
Shelbyville District.....	41	233	2069	875	171	90	1312	427	457 18
Murfreesboro District.....	52	335	2275	2256	447	124	1260	524	422 48
McMinnville District.....	60	285	3005	827	116	54	915	397	359 55
Gallatin District.....	38	216	2290	552	146	78	905	358	232 40
Clarksville District.....	44	301	2419	1563	181	120	1063	426	438 24
Centerville District.....	57	277	2657	830	36	62	713	354	172 41
Savannah District.....	43	229	1583	353	97	51	661	514	185 29
Total this year.....	464	2850	24,765	15,217	2938	1328	11735	5205	\$4235 04
Total last year.....	478	2989	23,682	15,409	2779	1262	1686	14715	5605 83
Increase.....	.....	.....	1,083	.....	159	66	10049	.....	.....
Decrease.....	12	139	.....	192	.....	.....	.....	9510	\$1370 79

All of which is most respectfully submitted.
R. E. TRAVIS, *Secretary*.

C. MARCHBANKS, *Chairman*.

CHURCH PROPERTY.

The Committee on Church Property offered their report, which was read in part and adopted, as follows:

DISTRICTS.	No. Churches.	No. Sitzings.	Value of Churches.	No. Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other Church property.	Moneys exp. in buildings, repairs, etc.
Nashville District.....	26	10,454	\$135,600 00	3	\$6,000 00	\$1,790 00	\$2,674 00
Murfreesboro District.....	54	12,400	85,450 00	3	3,250 00	6,180 00	1,341 00
Clarksville District.....	45	11,225	61,050 00	7	7,300 00	13,685 00	6,896 00
Columbia District.....	41½	12,855	69,775 00	9	12,300 00	810 00	769 00
Gallatin District.....	50½	14,025	26,250 00	5	3,200 00	470 00	2,659 00
Shelbyville District.....	57½	16,675	50,280 00	6	3,650 00	1,977 00	2,567 00
Centerville District.....	69½	13,450	32,343 00	4	2,700 00	.....	4,704 00
McMinnville District.....	81	23,575	42,200 00	2	700 00	700 00	2,220 00
Franklin District.....	57¼	15,760	68,290 00	8	6,100 00	700 00	3,551 00
Savannah District.....	42½	10,775	24,900 00	5	2,150 00	215 00	3,133 00
Total.....	524 7-12	141,194	\$566,138 00	52	\$47,350 00	\$26,520 00	\$30,514 00

Respectfully submitted.

A. R. FARIS, *Secretary.*

JONS. B. COCKRILL, *Chairman.*

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Conference which met at Franklin, Tenn., October, 1882, appointed a Committee on Church Extension, and on the 19th day of October said committee reported a Constitution, which was adopted by the Conference. The Conference also elected a Board of Church Extension, which was organized by the election of the proper officers.

The Parent Board, located at Louisville, assessed this Conference for the years 1882 and 1883 the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars, and this Board apportioned that amount to the respective districts. One year has passed since then, and for information as to what has been collected, you are respectfully referred to the report of the Treasurer, B. W. Macrea, herewith submitted, which gives the amounts collected in each charge and circuit during the year.

The Board has appropriated during the year four hundred dollars to complete and open for worship a new church-building at Guthrie, or State Line, in the Clarksville District. This sum will secure to us a church worth twelve hundred and fifty dollars, free from all debts and liabilities, with the title in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. This church is located at a point of great importance, and where we have no church-building, and the people are unable to build without aid from the Board.

We have also appropriated one hundred and fifty dollars to aid in building a new church on Fernvale Circuit, in the bounds of Franklin District. This enterprise was strongly recommended by the District Conference of said district, as well as by parties who appeared before the Board.

We have also appropriated one hundred and fifty dollars to aid in the erection of a new church-building at Byrdstown, in Pickett county, Gallatin District. The Board were persuaded that this was a very important point, it being a new and growing town, and without any church-building.

Other applications for aid have been made to the Board, but no definite action has been taken in regard to them, inasmuch as further information was desired, and the amount of money in the treasury being small.

It is a matter of regret that the collections have come so far short of the amount assessed. Presiding elders are earnestly requested to see that the Board of District Stewards apportion the amounts assessed to the several districts to the several charges, and that the preachers take up collections in all the appointments on which assessments are made. Each preacher, under the law of the Church, is the agent of the Church for the collection of this fund just as much as he is the agent for the collection of Conference Funds, missionary money, or Bishops' Fund. It is further urged that when collections have been made by the preachers the money be sent to B. W. Macrae, Treasurer of the Board, Clarksville, Tenn., who will give the proper receipt.

ASSESSMENTS.

Assessments upon the Conference by the Parent Board for the Conference-year 1883-4, \$4,500. Apportioned to the districts as follows:

Nashville District, . . .	\$ 908 50	Savannah District, . . .	\$ 215 00
Murfreesboro District, . .	505 50	Franklin District, . . .	582 50
Carthage District, . . .	240 00	Centerville District, . .	200 00
McMinnville District, . . .	228 50	Clarksville District, . .	566 50
Shelbyville District, . . .	460 00		
Columbia District, . . .	593 50	Total	\$4,500 00

Respectfully submitted.
T. P. WEAKLEY, *Secretary.*

W. BURR, *President.*

RECEIPTS.

<i>Nashville District.</i>		<i>Gallatin District (continued).</i>	
Nashville: McKendree, . .	\$100 00	Gainesboro Mission, . . .	—
Elm Street,	75 00	Celina,	—
Carroll Street,	—	Byrdstown Mission, . . .	75
North High Street, . . .	10 50		
West End,	26 25	Total,	\$58 55
Tulip Street,	94 00		
Hobson's Chapel,	15 75		
Foster Street,	9 85		
Greenland,	—		
Woodbine,	5 00		
Arlington,	21 00		
Hermitage,	9 50		
Nashville Circuit,	10 00		
Park Avenue,	2 25		
Vanderbilt University, . .	29 75		
Total,	\$408 85		
<i>Murfreesboro District.</i>		<i>McMinnville District.</i>	
Murfreesboro,	\$25 00	McMinnville Station, . .	\$12 85
Stone's River,	12 00	McMinnville Circuit, . .	—
Concord,	2 00	Sparta Station,	—
Lebanon Station,	12 00	Sparta Circuit,	—
Lebanon Circuit,	25 25	Liberty,	2 75
Hollandale,	5 00	Tullahoma,	7 40
Cainsville,	6 00	Smithville,	2 25
Cairo Bend,	—	Hickory Valley,	—
Gallatin Circuit,	2 00	Short Mountain Mission, .	—
Sumner,	2 50	Hickory Creek,	4 00
Pleasant Grove,	3 00	Hillsboro,	—
Goodlettsville,	15 00	Beech Grove,	—
El Dorado,	—	Woodbury,	—
Fountain Head Mission, . .	25	Manchester,	10 60
Baker's,	12 30	Caney Fork Mission, . . .	—
Total,	\$122 30	Spencer Mission,	—
<i>Gallatin District.</i>		Altamont,	—
Gallatin Station,	\$ 8 00	Tracy City,	10 10
Bethphage and Trinity, . .	—	Total,	\$60 95
Carthage,	2 60		
Alexandria,	23 00		
Livington,	2 00		
Cumberland,	5 00		
Goose Creek,	—		
Mount Olivet,	4 00		
Cookeville,	3 20		
Wartrace,	8 20		
La Fayette,	2 00		
Cokesbury,	—		
		<i>Shelbyville District.</i>	
		Shelbyville Station, . . .	\$37 00
		Winchester Station, . . .	20 25
		Mont Eagle,	—
		Salem,	5 00
		Kelso Mission,	—
		Fayetteville Station, . . .	11 00
		Fayetteville Circuit, . . .	—
		Cornersville and Lewisburg,	—
		Petersburg,	19 15
		Boonville,	19 35
		Normandy Mission,	—
		Macedonia,	—
		Medium,	5 10
		Rich Valley,	27 95
		Bedford,	12 95
		Lynchburg and Mulberry, . .	21 60
		Marble Plains,	5 00
		Wartrace and Mt. Moriah, .	22 90
		Total,	\$207 20

<i>Columbia District.</i>		<i>Franklin District (continued).</i>	
Columbia Station,	\$21 00	Harpeth,	\$25 25
Mount Pleasant,	10 00	Pope and Mount Zion,	17 50
Hurricane and Bigbyville,	17 50	Berlin,	14 55
Culleoka,	25 22	Kedron,	8 00
Southport Mission,	—	Nolensville,	20 00
Linnville,	50	Bellbuckle,	24 25
Diana,	6 45	Spring Hill Circuit,	15 50
Pleasant Valley,	—	Bethlehem and White,	15 50
Olivet,	25 25	Unionville,	25 65
Pulaski,	64 00	Fernvale,	12 60
Mount Pisgah,	12 00		
Trinity,	10 00	Total,	\$346 77
Prospect,	19 40		
Richland,	7 00	<i>Centerville District.</i>	
Elkton,	3 00	Centerville Circuit,	—
Bee Springs and Shiloh,	13 70	Santa Fe,	\$10 00
Blanch,	3 00	Pinewood,	—
Simpson's Chapel,	5 80	Standing Rock,	4 00
		Dover,	1 00
Total,	\$243 82	Danville,	—
		Ebenezer and Liberty,	22 50
<i>Savannah District.</i>		Waverly,	—
Savannah Station,	\$20 06	White Oak,	5 00
Savannah Circuit,	5 00	Yellow Creek,	—
Clifton,	—	Erin and Cumberland,	10 00
Flatwood Mission,	—	McEwin,	2 00
Linden,	—	Dickson,	—
Waynesboro,	—	White Bluff Mission,	—
Lowryville,	4 00	Warner Furnace Mission,	—
Wayland Springs,	5 00		
Lawrenceburg,	8 60	Total,	\$54 50
Oakland Mission,	—		
Laurel Hill,	7 00	<i>Clarksville District.</i>	
Henryville,	50	Clarksville Station,	\$25 00
Enterprise,	—	New Providence and Bethel,	5 00
Hampshire and Pisgah,	5 00	Montgomery,	8 85
Williamsport,	5 00	Palmyra,	—
		Cheatham,	2 00
Total,	\$60 10	Ashland and Pleasant View,	1 50
		Red River,	1 50
<i>Franklin District.</i>		Springfield Station,	5 00
Franklin Station,	\$50 45	Cedar Hill,	5 30
Douglass,	8 20	Port Royal,	5 00
Spring Hill Station,	19 70	Asbury,	6 00
College Grove,	36 00	State Line Mission,	—
Chapel Hill,	7 35	Antioch,	—
Brentwood,	25 22	Saline,	3 25
Bethesda,	11 05		
		Total,	\$68 40

RECAPITULATION.

	ASSESSED.	PAID.
Nashville District,	\$735 50	\$408 85
Murfreesboro "	388 00	122 30
Gallatin "	197 90	58 55
McMinnville "	164 90	60 95
Shelbyville "	343 40	207 20
Columbia "	436 50	243 82
Savannah "	190 05	60 10
Franklin "	436 50	346 77
Centerville "	141 65	54 50
Clarksville "	465 60	68 40
Anniversary collection, October, 1883,	\$3,500 00	\$1,631 44
		103 15
Total receipts,		\$1,734 59

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR BENEFIT OF PARENT BOARD.

Anniversary collection, October, 1882,	\$100 00
Crawford Mission, Nashville District, by O. P. Fitzgerald,	25 30
Murfreesboro Station, Murfreesboro District, by W. M. Street,	5 00

Paid to D. Morton, Secretary, \$130 30

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Collections from Districts,	\$1,631 44
Anniversary collection, October, 1883,	103 15

\$1,734 59

DISBURSEMENTS.

July 25, 1883, paid D. Morton, Secretary,	\$ 11 45
Sept. 18, " " " " "	73 80
Oct. 19, " " " " "	118 97
Oct. 19, " " " " "	597 78
Oct. 22, " " " " "	65 30—\$ 867 30

Balance on hand, \$867 29

B. W. MACREA, *Treasurer.*

TEMPERANCE.

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Temperance, beg leave to make the following report:

The Word of the Lord gives the solemn warning: "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging;" "Woe unto him that putteth the bottle to his neighbor;" and "No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of heaven." In the General Rules of our Book of Discipline "drunkenness, or drinking intoxicating liquors except in cases of necessity," is expressly forbidden. To this our late General Conference added the following much-needed clause: "Let all of our preachers and members abstain from the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, to be used as a beverage; and if any shall engage in such manufacture and sale, let the discipline be administered as in case of imprudent or improper conduct."

The State Legislature, in harmony with the good and wholesome teachings of the Bible and our Book of Discipline on the subject, in their wisdom gave us a few years ago the famous "Four-mile Law," looking to the restriction of this monster evil; and many of our State's attorneys and judges are exciting our strong admiration by doing all in their power for the enforcement of this very excellent law.

And now, since we have hitherto in Conference assemblies given repeated expression upon this subject, until our mind and position must be widely known: therefore, be it

Resolved, That it remains only to express ourselves as in full sympathy with the advanced legislation of both Church and State, and that we exhort our pastors and official members to continue to magnify the cause of Temperance among our people by their sermons, their precepts, their example, and by the strict enforcement of the law of the Church on the subject.

W. D. CHERRY, *Chairman.*

W. A. TURNER, *Secretary.*

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

We have examined the Journal of the Nashville District, which is well kept in a neat, plain hand, with full marginal notes. Plenty of space given in transcribing minutes. The heading fails to state that the Nashville District belongs to the Tennessee Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Friday morning's session, May 11, 1883, fails to state by whom the Conference was called to order.

Gallatin District. Methodist Episcopal Church, South, omitted in the heading. Morning session, July 14, 1883, fails to state whether or not the minutes of the previous session were read. Evening session of the same day fails to say who was in the chair. The Journal is without marginal notes, but is otherwise well kept.

Murfreesboro District. The Annual Conference and Methodist Episcopal Church, South, omitted in the heading. It is without marginal notes. Gives official relation of members to the Quarterly Conference instead of the District Conference. It is otherwise a marvel of neatness and correctness.

McMinnville District. The Annual Conference and Methodist Episcopal Church, South, omitted in the heading. Ink exceedingly pale. A long note by the secretary concerning the ink, which is not a part of the record. No account of the Conference ever having adjourned. Marginal notes full, and the Journal otherwise well kept.

Shelbyville District. Methodist Episcopal Church, South, omitted in the heading. Official relation of members not given. Without marginal notes. Fails to state who presided after the first session. Not signed by the president.

Columbia District. Annual Conference and Methodist Episcopal Church, South, omitted in the heading. Is without marginal notes. Minutes closely jammed together, sometimes interlined, and seem to have been very hurriedly transcribed.

Savannah District. Heading contains all the facts necessary. Marginal notes incomplete. Friday evening session, July 13, fails to state who was in the chair. Record does not show that the minutes of any previous session has been read. Otherwise the record is in good condition.

Franklin District. Methodist Episcopal Church, South, omitted in the heading. Otherwise this Journal is complete.

Clarksville District. Annual Conference and Methodist Episcopal Church, South, omitted in the heading. Official relation of members omitted. First evening session fails to state who was in the chair; also fails to state by whom the pastoral charges were represented in the reports. In other respects the Journal is neatly kept.

The record of the Centerville District was not before the committee.

GREEN P. JACKSON, *Chairman.*

G. D. BYRNE, *Secretary.*

CONFERENCE CENTENARY COMMITTEE.

The Tennessee Annual Conference Centenary Committee would respectfully report:

1. That they have organized by electing the Rev. John F. Hughes chairman and the Rev. Wellborn Mooney secretary.

2. That they recommend that the first Sabbath in January, 1884, be observed throughout our Conference as a day of devout prayer for the Divine blessing upon the Centenary services of the year, and for a general revival of religion; and that on that day our preachers shall explain the nature and objects of the Centenary Celebration, and especially urge adherence to those doctrines and usages of early Methodism that have contributed under God to her spiritual power.

3. That they request the Rev. J. B. McFerrin, D.D.—Rev. W. D. F. Sawrie, alternate—to preach a Centenary sermon before the Tennessee Conference at its next annual session.

4. That they recommend that the last Sunday in May be observed as a day of special Centenary service in all our churches throughout the Conference, and that said service be held in accordance with the programme of exercises prepared therefor by the Central Centenary Committee.

5. That they have selected the fourth Sunday in June, 1884, as the day for a Children's Celebration of our Methodist Centenary, and earnestly urge its observance throughout our bounds.

Respectfully submitted.

WELLBORN MOONEY, *Secretary.*

JOHN F. HUGHES, *Chairman.*

EDUCATION.

The subject is the training of our children for the duties of life. Methodists generally appreciate this great responsibility. Education does not consist in the bare acquaintance with those branches of knowledge that are actually needed in practical life. It includes all these, of course; but it embraces vastly more. It is cultivation with a view to develop the intellectual powers to their fullest capacity. By education a healthy growth of the mind is promoted, and the whole intellect is so strengthened that the man can look out upon the social, civil, and political world and hear and understand the voice of wisdom on the great issues that arise.

Education is becoming more and more thorough, as men are obtaining proficiency in the art of teaching. Not only are we developing the sciences, as never before—not only are we plunging the depths of philosophy and philology—but we have discovered the means of imparting them most effectually and most speedily to our children. Our teachers now use very superior methods in both the primary and the advanced course, and these admirable methods render the present generation much more highly favored than the preceding.

We think we can safely say that our own Methodist schools are fully equal to any other, and we see no reason why our children should not be sent to our own schools. But it not unfrequently happens that our people choose other schools, and now and then we find some who stray into those of the Romish Church. We do not hesitate to affirm that not only our own, but Protestant schools generally, are superior to any Romish institutions. Our people should be informed on this subject, for the peril is indeed very great. Few Protestant boys or girls come out of Romish schools untainted with their false doctrines. The impression is on the mind of many intelligent Protestants that sons, and especially daughters, are better cared for and more thoroughly taught in these schools than in our own. It is a grave and dangerous error, which we should labor to correct.

Nashville College for Young Ladies is located at Nashville, and under the charge of Rev. Geo. W. F. Price, D.D. This institution is in a very prosperous condition, and its accomplished president has sent us an elegantly written report giving us many interesting items, and requesting us to give his institution a place in our report. This we gladly do, and welcome her among her fair sisters, and bespeak for her benedictions innumerable. The president says: "The College has its own Board of Trust, which is self-perpetuating, yet it can only fill vacancies in its ranks with persons whose names have been submitted to and approved by the Trustees of Vanderbilt University. This provision guarantees the proper relations of this College to the Church, and binds it perpetually to the interests of Methodism." He continues: "The current year opened September 3d, and we now enroll one hundred and seventy-five pupils, sixty-five of whom are boarders. Our organization is complete, thorough, and efficient in every department. Our building is considered the most complete, convenient, and comfortable college structure in the city, and perhaps not excelled by many in the country." Of the sixteen officers in this institution, fourteen are Methodists. The boarders are formed into a Sunday-school, and use our Methodist literature. A missionary society is organized among the boarders, and is actively at work.

One great advantage of this institution is its connection with Vanderbilt University. "By official action of Vanderbilt Board of Trust this institution enjoys the exclusive privilege of sending its pupils to the lecture-rooms of the University, and to the cabinets, museums, and library of the same, without fees or cost to the matriculates of the Nashville College for Young Ladies."

We take great pleasure in recommending this institution to the members of our Church.

Martin Female College, located at Pulaski, is under the charge of Prof. W. R. Jones, an efficient teacher and an energetic worker.

The report from the chairman of the Board of Trustees says: "Our institution was by the will of its founder recommended to the fostering care of the Tennessee Conference, and in accordance with its provisions we desire that it shall be duly remembered in your deliberations and in your prayers."

The last scholastic year was its most successful one, and it is at present in a condition of remarkable prosperity. The organization is complete. The president is himself a most efficient and thorough teacher, and he is assisted by a corps of accomplished and competent teachers in literary, music, and art departments. The boarding department is under the supervision of Mrs. Jones, who is admirably qualified for this important trust. The rooms are large and well furnished, and the table is abundantly supplied with wholesome food.

The report says: "Extensive improvements are being made to the already large, substantial, and commodious buildings, and the grounds are becoming more and more attractive with each recurring season. The Faculty is full, and composed of select teachers in each department. The health of the pupils has always been good. The location and surroundings of the buildings are all that could be desired. The buildings and grounds are valued at \$30,000. The College in addition has a permanent endowment fund of \$30,000, yielding an annual income of \$2,400. It is the primary object and purpose of the Faculty and Board of Trust to furnish a complete and thorough training—physical, mental, and religious—to every pupil, and to throw around them home influences as much as possible."

The chairman of the Board of Education attended the examination of the pupils of this institution last summer, and he found it unusually thorough and perfectly satisfactory. Classes in all branches did well.

This school is in every way worthy of the patronage of our people, and we take great pleasure in recommending it.

Culleoka Institute, situated in Culleoka, is under the charge of W. R. and J. M. Webb. This institution for boys maintains its high reputation. These teachers are thoroughly imbued with the spirit of Christianity; they are men of sound scholar-

ship, understand the art of teaching, are wonderfully endowed with the genius of discipline. This year they have three assistants. They have already enrolled one hundred and sixty pupils, and this promises to be a year of great prosperity. These gentlemen are competent and patient teachers, carefully and faithfully training the mind for the duties of life. We know them, and we think they fully comprehend the proper aim of an education. Therefore the primary branches and the ordinary English branches are by no means neglected, but the foundation for an education is as carefully laid as though it were chiefly a primary school. The classical languages are taught according to approved methods, and with eminent success. These classical languages constitute a noble implement for culture, and in the hands of these gentlemen they are made to do their best service. The remains of these noble tongues are so taught that young men can appreciate their beauties. Then, too, the various branches of mathematics are carefully taught, and are made to do a full quota of service in the culture of their pupils.

The discipline of this school is admirable. The presence of one hundred and sixty boys in that small village would hardly be suspected by a stranger. Parents need never fear to trust their boys in this school.

The religious influences at work in this institution are very remarkable. The principals teach the Scriptures on the Sabbath, and the pupils are required to attend church. Besides this, the young men have a regular prayer-meeting, well attended, in which one of their number leads, and many of them pray. They have also a Young Men's Christian Association, and much good has been accomplished by it. We know of no school where so profound a religious influence pervades a school. A full curriculum, thorough training, admirable discipline, and this pervading religious influence, constitute the traits that have gained for this institution its wonderful success.

With pleasure and the utmost confidence do we commend this school to our people.

Soule Female College, at Murfreesboro, is under the charge of Rev. John R. Thompson, an experienced and able educator. The organization of this school is complete in all departments. There are about eighty pupils in attendance. The report says: "The teachers are worthy and well qualified not only in a literary sense but are all members of the Church and truly exemplary."

The school is well equipped, and prepared to do good work, and we commend it to the patronage of our people.

Tennessee Female College, located at Franklin, is under the charge of Mrs. M. E. Clark. The report says: "We have a faculty of ten teachers, an enrollment of one hundred and thirty-two pupils. Music teachers, three—full time occupied; pupils in music, sixty-seven; in art, twenty-two; French, German, and Latin classes large, and doing good work. The health of our boarders is excellent. Our school is in a more prosperous condition than at any time in a history of twenty-six years. Our aim is to educate young ladies mentally, morally, and physically; to send them forth into the world noble women."

This is an excellent report, and shows this school in a very prosperous condition. Ten noble women devoting themselves earnestly to the education of the rising generation is indeed a noble sight, and they challenge our admiration. We bid them Godspeed, and assure them of our best wishes.

Bedford College, located at Bellbuckle, is under the charge of Rev. A. T. Crawford. The present is its fourteenth year, and it has already matriculated one hundred and thirty-six pupils. The building is large enough, and is well arranged. The faculty consists of five competent, carefully selected teachers. The president of this institution is a teacher of tried experience.

We heartily commend Bedford College to our people.

Vanderbilt University, with its beautiful grounds, its magnificent buildings, its ample supply of apparatus and appliances, with its departments all equipped with men of superior abilities, offers all that could be desired for a university education. The unequaled advantages offered by Vanderbilt University are so well known that we need not dwell longer upon them.

This exhibit of our schools, though incomplete, is yet very creditable. Five reports give numbers of pupils, and make the sum of six hundred and ninety-two, though we know there are many more in the bounds of the Conference.

In view of the above facts, we beg leave to offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That, in consideration of the superior excellence of our schools, we can safely and conscientiously induce our people to patronize them in preference to other schools, and that it is our duty so to do.

2. *Resolved*, That we warmly approve the educational feature of the Centenary movement, and that we will do what we can to forward it.

J. M. WRIGHT, *Chairman*.

REPORT NO. 2 OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Tennessee Conference that the time has arrived when some measure should be inaugurated looking to aid in the education of the daughters of our itinerant ministers.

J. M. WRIGHT, *Chairman*.

MEMOIR.

REV. STITH H. ANDREWS departed this life, Sept. 22, 1883, at the residence of a friend in Hickman county, Tenn.

His brethren, who knew him well, loved him, and followed him to his burial, speak of his many virtues, that he was a man without guile and devoted to his work. On the day of his death he was twenty-nine years eleven months and eighteen days old. He appeared to be older, for the reason that he was never a boy in habits or thoughts, and it is said that back to his childhood he never enjoyed a release of one day from disease. In weakness and weariness and faintness he was always ready at the call of his Master to go and to do. He was reared in Williamson county, and for one term was a diligent student of Vanderbilt University. His first ministerial work was in a Western Conference, where he was employed as a supply on a large and poor circuit. Not being able either to buy or borrow a horse, he met every appointment—some of them ten and fifteen miles apart—on foot. His brethren know but little of his early life. It is said that when quite a youth, such was his desire for knowledge, he would go out into a field at night and fire a stump so that he might undisturbed sit by it and read. He joined the Tennessee Annual Conference on trial in the autumn of 1874. He was an itinerant preacher in its broadest sense; he held back nothing from his Lord; he held no title to any thing in this world; he had no home, and wanted none but heaven. He never had an appointment that paid him as much as one hundred dollars, and yet he and his beloved wife were not cast down, but always happy, contented, and in labors abundant. The absence of money did not jeopardize his honor, for he was faithful and honest in all his dealings. His brethren speak of his consecration and his knowledge of the Scriptures. An ardent admirer affirms "that he was better posted in theology than any man he ever saw of his age and opportunities." While he read many books, he was a man emphatically of one book. His preaching was strong, exegetical, and Methodistic. When any one made reference to his hard work and small pay, he would answer, "I walk by faith, not by sight." His last work was the La Fayette Circuit. He only desisted from labor when extreme feebleness of body forbade any exertion. In his last illness, when his feet were on the margin of the river, he spoke with his latest breath: "O Jesus! thou knowest that I love thee!" Truly this man who has fallen was a valiant man in Israel.

WM. M. GREEN, J. G. BOLTON,
B. F. HAYNES, B. F. JACKSON,
W. T. DYE.

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

APPROPRIATIONS, 1883-84.

<i>Nashville District.</i>			<i>Columbia District.</i>		
	P. C.	P. E.		P. C.	P. E.
Park Avenue and Mission, . .	\$300		Elkton Mission,	\$100	
<i>Murfreesboro District.</i>			<i>Savannah District.</i>		
Fountain Head Mission, . .	150		Flatwood Mission,	200	\$100
<i>Carthage District.</i>			Oakland Mission,	125	100
Gainesboro Mission,	100	\$150	Henryville Mission,	100	100
Byrdstown Mission,	125	150	<i>Centerville District.</i>		
<i>McMinnville District.</i>			White Bluff Mission,	150	150
Caney Fork Mission,	100	60	Warner Furnace Mission, . .	150	150
Spencer Mission,	150	60	<i>Clarksville District.</i>		
Hickory Valley Mission, . .	100	60	State Line Mission,	250	
Altamont Mission,	150	60	<i>Shelbyville District.</i>		
Mont Eagle Mission,	150	60	Normandy Mission,	100	100
			Dryden Chapel and Mission, .	100	100
			Junior preacher Byrdstown Mis-		
			sion,		\$125
			Total,		\$4,125

APPORTIONMENT.

	Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.		Foreign Missions.	Domestic Missions.
Nashville District, . .	\$4629	\$1156	Savannah District, . .	\$ 910	\$154
Murfreesboro District, .	2163	540	Franklin District, . .	2298	580
Carthage District, . .	700	168	Centerville District, .	650	225
McMinnville District, .	910	225	Clarksville District, .	2163	540
Shelbyville District, .	1414	372			
Columbia District, . .	2163	540	Total, . .	\$18,000	\$4500
WELLBORN MOONEY, <i>Secretary.</i>			J. A. ORMAN, <i>President.</i>		

MISSIONARY ASSESSMENTS AND COLLECTIONS.

DISTRICTS.	FOREIGN.		DOMESTIC.		Foreign per cent. paid.	Domestic per cent. paid.	Foreign and Do- mestic pr ct. paid.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.			
Nashville District.....	\$3600 00	\$2239 55	\$1028 00	\$795 75	62 1-5	77 1/3	65 1/2
Murfreesboro District.....	1000 00	625 10	457 00	310 05	62 1/2	67 4-5	64 1/6
Gallatin District.....	735 00	373 95	210 00	148 00	50 3/4	70 1/2	55 1/4
McMinnville District.....	700 00	399 05	200 00	131 20	57	65 3-5	58 9-10
Shelbyville District.....	1100 00	951 68	331 00	254 67	84 2/3	77	84 1/3
Columbia District.....	1675 00	1012 65	479 00	381 59	60 1/2	79 3/4	64 7-10
Savannah District.....	700 00	262 45	200 00	203 35	38	101 1/8	52
Franklin District.....	1675 00	1356 25	479 00	397 10	81	82 9-10	81 2-5
Centerville District.....	480 00	224 55	137 00	123 50	47	90 1-7	56 2-5
Clarksville District.....	1675 00	440 60	479 00	188 25	28 5/8	39 1/3	29 3-5
Total.....	\$13,340 00	\$7894 83	\$4000 00	\$2933 46			
Special Collection Indian Missions....	250 00						
Anniversary Collection.....	98 75			98 75			
Balance from W. H. Evans, former Treasurer.....				24 85			
Total collections.....	\$8,243 58			\$3,057 06			

DISBURSEMENTS.

Gallatin District.....	\$405 00	Centerville District.....	\$465 75
McMinnville District.....	648 00	Clarksville District.....	202 50
Shelbyville District.....	425 25	Balance in hand.....	19 56
Murfreesboro District.....	162 00		
Columbia District.....	141 75	Total, 81 per cent. of assessment.....	\$3,057 07
Savannah District.....	587 25		

Paid D. C. Kelley, Treasurer Foreign Missions, 61 4-5 per cent. of assessment.....\$8,243 58

J. B. RICHARDSON, *Treasurer.*

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

REPORT NO. 1.

Amount necessary for superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers, \$3,600.

Amount collected by preachers, \$2,904.46; amount of interest received on the Elliston Fund by Dr. W. H. Morgan, Trustee, \$197.10; amount of interest received from Colvin Estate by J. B. McFerrin, Agent, \$34.65; total, \$3,136.21; deficit, \$463.79. Applied as follows:

CLAIMANTS.		TO WHOM PAID.
J. W. Tarrant,	\$175 00	Self.
A. J. B. Foster,	150 00	J. M. Jordan.
J. Moore,	150 00	M. Trotter.
B. F. Jackson,	50 00	W. H. Neblett.
E. J. Allen,	125 00	Self.
Mrs. Wm. Mullins,	100 00	J. A. Orman.
Mrs. Allen Tribble,	150 00	C. E. Heriges.
Mrs. F. S. Petway,	300 00	T. A. Kerley.

CLAIMANTS.		TO WHOM PAID.
Mrs. T. W. Randle,	\$125 00	W. H. Morrow.
Mrs. F. E. Pitts,	50 00	T. A. Kerley.
Mrs. Wm. Randle,	25 00	J. B. McFerrin.
Mrs. A. J. Ford,	160 00	A. G. Dinwiddie.
Mrs. John McCurdy,	100 00	R. M. Haggard.
Mrs. M. W. Gray,	100 00	R. P. Gray.
Mrs. Sion Record,	100 00	Self.
Mrs. Wm. B. Woodward,	200 00	Self.
Mrs. F. F. Fagan,	200 00	J. B. Anderson.
Mrs. I. Milner,	100 00	H. P. Figuers.
R. G. Irvine,	150 00	Self.
Mrs. B. R. Gant,	50 00	W. H. Wilkes.
Mrs. A. F. Lawrence,	150 00	J. L. Parkes.
Magness Lawrence,	151 21	W. H. Morrow.
Mrs. J. F. Tinnon,	50 00	J. F. Tinnon.
George W. Martin,	25 00	Garrett W. Martin.
Mrs. Golman Green,	50 00	J. T. Curry.
Mrs. T. F. Brown,	125 00	J. L. Parkes.
Mrs. Wm. J. Cooley,	25 00	W. L. Melvin.

REPORT NO. 2.

Amount assessed for support of Bishops,	\$1,800 00
Amount collected on the foregoing:	
Bishop Wilson's receipt,	\$ 5 35
Bishop Keener's receipt,	578 15
Bishop Parker's receipt,	225 00
Bishop McTyre's receipts,	418 05
Publishing House receipts,	130 35
Cash collected and paid to Bishop Pierce,	403 55--\$1,760 45
Deficit,	\$39 55

REPORT NO. 3.

Assessment for the coming year for the support of Bishops, \$1,800. Assessed on the Districts as follows:

Nashville District,	\$375	Savannah District,	\$ 98
Murfreesboro "	230	Franklin "	225
Carthage "	72	Centerville "	73
McMinnville "	85	Clarksville "	240
Shelbyville "	177		
Columbia "	225	Total,	\$1,800

Amount necessary for superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased preachers, \$3,600. Assessed on the Districts as follows:

Nashville District,	\$750	Savannah District,	\$196
Murfreesboro "	460	Franklin "	450
Carthage "	144	Centerville "	146
McMinnville "	170	Clarksville "	480
Shelbyville "	354		
Columbia "	450	Total,	\$3,600

REPORT NO. 4.

Amount necessary for the publication of Minutes, \$221. Assessed on the Districts as follows:

Nashville District,	\$46 00	Savannah District,	\$12 00
Murfreesboro District,	29 00	Franklin District,	27 00
Carthage District,	9 00	Centerville District,	9 00
McMinnville District,	10 00	Clarksville District,	30 00
Shelbyville District,	22 00		
Columbia District,	27 00	Total,	\$221 00

COLLECTIONS AND SALARIES.

NASHVILLE DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Bishops' Fund.	Conference Collections.	Presiding Elder's Salary.	Receipts.	Deficiency.	Preacher's Salary.	Receipts.	Deficiency.
Nashville: McKendree	\$121 43	\$242 87	\$ 680 00	\$ 680 00	.....	\$ 3,000 00	\$ 3,000 00	.....
Elm Street.....	74 10	160 60	415 00	415 00	.....	1,800 00	1,800 00	.....
Carroll Street.....	11 60	26 00	65 00	54 75	\$ 10 25	600 00	506 10	\$ 93 90
North High Street...	5 35	10 70	30 00	20 00	10 00	500 00	300 00	200 00
West End.....	13 50	26 80	75 00	75 00	.....	600 00	600 00	.....
Tulip Street.....	65 25	146 40	365 00	365 00	.....	1,600 00	1,600 00	.....
Hobson's Chapel.....	8 05	16 10	45 00	45 00	.....	450 00	455 00	.....
Foster Street.....	8 95	17 90	50 00	32 00	18 00	480 00	300 00	180 00
Greenland	8 00	12 00	50 00	25 00	25 00	400 00	168 80	231 20
Woodbine	6 50	18 75	65 00	40 00	25 00	600 00	376 10	223 90
Arlington.....	10 70	21 40	60 00	60 00	.....	700 00	715 00	.....
Hermitage.....	8 05	11 00	45 00	29 95	15 05	450 00	270 00	180 00
Nashville Circuit.....	7 00	9 00	50 00	35 00	15 00	300 00	266 44	33 56
Park Avenue.....	1 20	2 30	25 00	8 85	16 15	400 00	150 35	249 65
Vanderbilt University.	15 17	30 34	85 00	85 00	.....	500 00	500 00	.....
	\$361 85	\$752 16	\$2,105 00	\$1,970 55	\$134 45	\$12,380 00	\$11,007 79	\$1,392 21

Paid for education, \$6; for the poor, \$1,134.15; for other objects, \$303.96. Excess of salaries, \$20.

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.

Murfreesboro Station...	\$ 40 00	\$ 80 00	\$ 200 00	\$200 00	.....	\$1,200 00	\$1,200 00	.....
Stone's River.....	17 00	22 00	85 00	77 70	\$7 30	600 00	522 60	\$ 77 40
Concord.....	5 00	7 00	36 00	23 85	12 15	275 00	165 90	109 10
Lebanon Station.....	29 00	58 00	145 00	145 00	.....	1,009 75	1,009 75	.....
Lebanon Circuit.....	13 00	26 00	65 00	56 20	8 80	450 00	388 90	61 10
Hollandale.....	12 00	15 00	60 00	55 60	4 40	375 00	375 50	.....
Cainsville.....	5 00	7 45	60 00	33 70	26 30	440 00	247 25	192 75
Cairo Bend.....	4 20	3 50	21 00	13 20	7 80	159 00	109 10	49 90
Gallatin Circuit.....	8 40	4 20	42 00	25 00	17 00	300 00	180 70	119 30
Sumner.....	15 00	30 00	75 00	56 55	18 45	425 00	320 45	104 55
Pleasant Grove.....	8 00	15 00	55 00	44 60	10 40	365 00	300 00	65 00
Goodlettsville	14 00	27 00	70 00	70 00	.....	450 00	450 00	.....
El Dorado.....	1 00	.....	25 00	10 00	15 00	300 00	83 00	217 00
Fountain Head Miss'n.	1 25	2 25	30 00	11 76	18 24	280 00	92 34	187 66
Baker's.....	7 00	14 05	35 00	35 00	.....	200 00	200 00	.....
	\$179 85	\$311 45	\$1,004 00	\$858 16	\$145 84	\$6,828 75	\$5,645 49	\$1,183 76

Paid for the poor, \$30; for other objects, \$300. Excess of salaries, 50 cents.

GALLATIN DISTRICT.

Gallatin Station.....	\$19 00	\$ 38 00	\$150 00	\$150 00	.....	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00	.....
Bethphage and Trinity	8 50	12 00	65 00	44 80	\$ 20 20	350 00	224 10	\$ 125 90
Carthage	11 00	5 00	75 00	52 15	22 85	450 00	315 90	134 10
Alexandria.....	11 50	23 00	95 00	95 00	.....	590 00	575 00	15 00
Livingston	7 25	4 00	56 00	26 90	29 10	335 00	143 08	191 92
Cumberland.....	7 25	8 00	57 50	33 50	24 00	300 00	250 00	50 00
Goose Creek.....	8 50	17 50	70 00	63 00	7 00	410 00	390 00	20 00
Mt. Olivet.....	7 25	5 20	57 00	27 47	29 53	341 66	170 33	171 33
Cookeville.....	2 00	2 05	37 50	26 05	11 45	300 00	186 60	119 40
Wartrace.....	4 00	8 00	28 00	15 10	12 90	284 00	142 45	141 55
La Fayette.....	1 00	2 00	27 50	9 50	18 00	109 45	109 45	.....
Cokesbury.....	4 75	6 00	38 00	23 05	14 95	185 00	115 45	69 55
Gainesboro Mission....	75	.....	7 00	7 00	.....	23 00	23 00	.....
Celina.....	4 00	4 00	27 50	8 90	18 60	81 65	42 00	39 65
Byrdstown Mission....	75	1 55	7 00	.....	7 00	120 00	65 00	55 00
	\$97 50	\$136 30	\$798 00	\$582 42	\$215 58	\$4,879 76	\$3,746 36	\$1,133 40

Paid for the poor, \$80.45; for other objects, \$3,160.90.

McMINNVILLE DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Bishops' Fund.	Conference Collections.	Presiding Elder's Salary.	Receipts.	Deficiency.	Preacher's Salary.	Receipts.	Deficiency.
McMinnville Station....	\$ 6 65	\$ 13 25	\$ 70 00	\$ 68 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 430 00	\$ 351 00	\$ 79 00
McMinnville Circuit....	5 20	.....	55 00	26 00	29 00	160 00	103 00	57 00
Sparta Station.....	5 70	11 35	60 00	60 00	.....	430 00	380 00	50 00
Sparta Circuit.....	6 65	5 10	70 00	34 80	35 20	350 00	180 65	169 35
Liberty	6 60	9 45	70 00	31 99	38 01	300 00	233 09	66 91
Tullahoma.....	3 80	7 55	40 00	40 00	.....	200 00	200 00	.....
Smithville.....	4 75	10 00	50 00	27 30	22 70	350 00	267 50	82 50
Hickory Valley.....	.....	.....	25 00	12 45	12 55	140 00	86 35	53 65
Short Mountain Miss'n.	4 75	9 45	50 00	32 85	17 15	250 00	161 40	85 60
Hickory Creek	8 50	17 00	90 00	62 40	27 60	450 00	312 00	138 00
Hillsboro.....	.....	.....	60 00	30 00	30 00	300 00	150 00	150 00
Beech Grove.....	5 70	4 30	60 00	45 00	15 00	350 00	250 00	100 00
Woodbury.....	1 45	1 25	15 00	11 00	4 00	265 00	242 90	22 10
Manchester	6 15	12 30	65 00	49 00	16 00	325 00	255 00	70 00
Caney Fork Mission...	2 35	.....	20 00	2 75	17 25	125 00	30 00	95 00
Spencer Mission.....	2 35	4 75	25 00	2 00	23 00	125 00	40 00	85 00
Altamont.....	.....	2 80	15 00	8 20	6 80	125 00	65 40	59 60
Tracy City.....	5 20	10 40	55 00	55 00	.....	500 00	411 00	89 00
	\$75 80	\$118 95	\$895 00	\$598 74	\$296 26	\$5,175 00	\$3,722 29	\$1,452 71

Paid for the poor, \$19.50; for other objects, \$220.10.

SHELBYVILLE DISTRICT.

Shelbyville Station	\$ 17 40	\$ 52 60	\$ 86 00	\$ 86 00	.....	\$ 800 00	\$ 800 00	.....
Winchester Station.....	11 10	22 15	40 00	40 00	.....	240 00	240 00	.....
Mont Eagle.....	5 00	90	.....	.....	.....	69 00	69 00	.....
Salem.....	9 10	10 00	45 00	31 60	\$ 13 40	270 00	195 00	\$ 75 00
Kelso Mission.....	5 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	75 00	30 00	45 00
Fayetteville Station....	11 15	22 30	55 00	50 00	5 00	700 00	650 00	50 00
Fayetteville Circuit....	11 80	7 75	58 50	54 40	4 10	400 00	385 40	14 60
Corners'le & Lewisb'g..	14 20	1 90	70 00	61 60	8 40	300 00	262 35	37 65
Petersburg	9 00	18 05	44 50	33 25	11 25	400 00	291 95	108 05
Boonville.....	9 15	18 25	45 00	22 55	22 45	315 00	159 50	155 50
Normandy Mission.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	96 00	30 00	66 00
Macedonia	5 30	5 25	26 00	13 05	12 95	204 00	100 10	103 90
Medium.....	12 15	24 30	60 00	45 00	15 00	420 00	319 95	100 05
Rich Valley.....	13 15	27 35	65 00	65 00	.....	500 00	500 00	.....
Bedford.....	6 10	12 00	30 00	13 60	16 40	270 00	122 50	147 50
Lynchburg & Mulberry	10 65	21 25	52 50	52 50	.....	400 00	400 00	.....
Marble Plains	11 00	10 00	55 00	30 00	25 00	400 00	220 00	180 00
Wartrace & Mt. Moriah	10 75	21 45	53 00	53 00	.....	500 00	500 00	.....
	\$177 00	\$276 50	\$785 50	\$651 55	\$133 95	\$6,350 00	\$5,275 75	\$1,083 25

Paid for the poor, \$215.95; for other objects, \$307.55.

COLUMBIA DISTRICT.

Columbia Station.....	\$ 31 00	\$ 50 75	\$ 165 00	\$ 121 59	\$ 43 41	\$1,200 00	\$1,010 40	\$ 189 60
Mt. Pleasant & Porter's	14 00	28 00	75 00	67 00	8 00	500 00	450 00	50 00
Hurricane & Bigbyville	9 00	18 65	48 00	34 85	13 15	200 00	174 25	25 75
Culleoka	13 00	26 00	70 00	65 85	4 15	500 00	470 10	29 90
Southport Mission.....	3 00	2 00	16 00	7 00	9 00	200 00	163 00	37 00
Lynnville.....	9 00	18 00	48 00	39 55	8 45	225 00	201 00	24 00
Diana.....	10 00	8 70	53 00	26 10	26 90	600 00	295 60	304 40
Pleasant Valley.....	10 00	20 00	53 00	53 00	.....	350 00	346 60	3 40
Simpson's Chapel.....	3 00	6 00	16 00	16 00	.....	100 00	100 00	.....
Olivet Station.....	13 00	26 00	70 00	70 00	.....	550 00	550 00	.....
Pulaski Station.....	33 00	66 00	176 00	176 00	.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....
Mt. Pisgah	12 00	18 00	64 00	60 60	3 40	450 00	430 30	19 70
Trinity.....	10 00	15 00	53 00	34 90	18 10	350 00	260 40	89 60
Prospect.....	10 00	20 00	53 00	49 50	3 50	500 00	467 08	32 92
Richland	10 00	20 00	53 00	42 00	11 00	400 00	316 80	83 20
Elkton	12 00	18 50	64 00	57 25	6 75	400 00	357 20	42 80
Bee Spring and Shiloh.	13 00	26 00	70 00	70 00	.....	500 00	500 00	.....
Blanch	10 00	12 00	53 00	36 00	17 00	350 00	273 00	77 00
	\$225 00	\$399 60	\$1,200 00	\$1,027 19	\$172 81	\$8,575 00	\$7,565 73	\$1,009 27

Paid for the poor, \$245.60; for other objects, \$637.20.

SAVANNAH DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Bishops' Fund.	Conference Collections.	Presiding Elder's Salary.	Receipts.	Deficiency.	Preacher's Salary.	Receipts.	Deficiency.
Savannah Station.....	\$10 80	\$ 21 00	\$ 60 00	\$ 60 00	.....	\$ 350 00	\$ 350 00	.....
Savannah Circuit.....	8 10	16 00	45 00	27 45	\$ 17 55	350 00	332 70	\$ 17 30
Clifton.....	5 40	5 00	35 00	35 00	.....	160 00	160 00	.....
Flatwood Mission.....	3 60	5 75	20 00	10 00	10 00	120 00	66 95	53 05
Linden.....	8 10	17 00	45 00	37 85	7 15	300 00	253 30	46 70
Waynesboro.....	5 40	.....	30 00	11 20	18 80	125 00	58 95	65 05
Lowryville.....	5 40	8 00	30 00	18 45	11 55	250 00	149 12	100 88
Wayland Spring.....	8 10	16 20	45 00	30 45	14 55	405 00	272 67	131 33
Lawrenceburg.....	4 50	8 65	25 00	26 45	.....	135 00	143 40	.....
Oakland Mission.....	3 60	2 30	20 00	8 40	11 60	125 00	48 55	76 45
Laurel Hill.....	3 60	7 00	20 00	20 00	.....	110 00	120 00	.....
Henryville.....	3 60	7 00	15 00	6 10	8 90	100 00	26 85	73 15
Enterprise.....	5 40	10 80	30 00	27 25	2 75	175 00	159 05	15 95
Hampshire and Pisgah	9 00	18 00	50 00	41 00	9 00	400 00	328 25	71 75
Williamsport.....	13 50	5 00	75 00	75 00	.....	500 00	500 00	.....
	\$98 10	\$147 70	\$545 00	\$434 60	\$111 85	\$3,605 00	\$2,971 79	\$651 61

Paid for the poor, \$60.05; for other objects, \$1.50. Excess of salaries, \$19.45.

FRANKLIN DISTRICT.

Franklin Station.....	\$ 26 00	\$ 52 00	\$ 138 67	\$ 138 67	.....	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00	.....
Douglass.....	15 50	10 00	82 67	68 50	\$14 17	500 00	411 00	\$ 89 00
Spring Hill Station.....	10 00	20 00	53 33	53 33	.....	400 00	400 00	.....
College Grove.....	18 50	37 00	98 66	98 66	.....	650 00	650 00	.....
Chapel Hill.....	17 00	11 00	90 66	88 35	2 31	575 00	522 35	52 65
Brentwood & Johnson's	13 00	26 00	69 35	69 35	.....	400 00	400 00	.....
Bethesda.....	13 00	25 00	69 33	52 30	17 03	400 00	313 75	86 25
Harpeth Station.....	13 00	26 00	69 67	69 67	.....	400 00	400 00	.....
Pope and Mt. Zion.....	9 00	18 00	48 00	48 00	.....	250 00	252 50	.....
Berlin.....	7 50	15 00	40 00	40 00	.....	200 00	200 00	.....
Kedron.....	9 00	10 00	48 00	38 00	10 00	325 00	256 40	68 60
Nolensville.....	15 00	30 00	80 00	80 00	.....	500 00	490 30	9 70
Bellbuckle.....	12 50	25 00	66 67	66 67	.....	600 00	600 00	.....
Spring Hill Circuit.....	13 00	27 00	69 35	69 35	.....	450 00	455 00	.....
Bethlehem & White's...	8 00	16 00	42 00	40 35	1 65	308 00	299 75	8 25
Unionville.....	18 50	27 00	98 66	98 66	.....	441 00	451 00	.....
Fernvale.....	6 50	.....	36 00	10 00	26 00	160 00	90 00	70 00
	\$225 00	\$375 00	\$1,201 02	\$1,129 86	\$71 16	\$7,559 00	\$7,192 05	\$384 45

Paid for education, \$6; for the poor, \$73; for other objects, \$547.80. Excess of salaries, \$17.50.

CENTERVILLE DISTRICT.

Centerville.....	\$ 7 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 75 00	\$ 43 53	\$ 31 47	\$ 525 00	\$ 338 26	\$ 186 74
Santa Fe.....	5 00	10 00	60 00	50 00	10 00	400 00	346 45	53 55
Pinewood.....	4 50	7 15	30 00	18 90	11 10	300 00	170 05	129 95
Standing Rock.....	3 00	5 00	50 00	30 00	20 00	350 00	224 00	126 00
Dover.....	2 50	2 50	40 00	32 00	8 00	360 00	279 00	81 00
Danville.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ebenezer and Liberty..	12 00	15 15	65 00	65 00	.....	450 00	452 65	.....
Waverly.....	5 00	7 00	25 00	20 60	4 40	250 00	185 50	64 50
White Oak.....	2 50	5 00	25 00	15 00	10 00	150 00	100 00	50 00
Yellow Creek.....	3 00	2 00	40 00	23 20	16 80	150 00	104 00	46 00
Erin and Cumberland..	8 50	12 00	50 00	30 76	19 24	400 00	252 00	148 00
McEwen.....	3 00	4 00	35 00	19 10	15 90	225 00	100 00	125 00
Dickson.....	8 00	15 00	60 00	55 00	15 00	520 00	390 00	130 00
White Bluff Mission...	1 00	1 00	20 00	6 45	13 55	160 00	75 00	85 00
Warner Furnace Miss..	2 50	5 00	20 00	2 20	17 80	23 00	23 00	.....
	\$70 50	\$105 80	\$595 00	\$411 74	\$183 26	\$4,263 00	\$3,039 91	\$1,225 74

Paid for the poor, \$37; for other objects, \$20. Excess of salaries, \$2.65.

CLARKSVILLE DISTRICT.

Clarksville Station.....	\$ 58 35	\$ 75 00	\$ 250 00	\$ 250 00	.....	\$1,500 00	\$1,500 00	.....
N. Providence & Bethel	26 00	17 45	80 00	73 95	\$ 6 05	700 00	645 18	\$ 54 82
Montgomery.....	8 85	8 85	90 00	90 00	.....	175 00	175 00	.....
Palmyra.....	8 35	11 00	50 00	30 95	19 05	200 00	123 80	76 20
Cheatham.....	7 80	8 00	35 00	25 05	9 95	200 00	160 40	39 60

CLARKSVILLE DISTRICT (continued).

CHARGES.	Bishops' Fund.	Conference Collections.	Presiding Elder's Salary.	Receipts.	Deficiency.	Preacher's Salary.	Receipts.	Deficiency.
Saline.....	\$ 10 00	\$ 15 35	\$ 60 00	\$ 40 50	\$ 19 50	\$ 400 00	\$ 287 34	\$112 66
Ashland City and Pleasant View.....	11 00	12 05	80 00	43 50	36 50	600 00	561 90	38 10
Red River.....	4 20	5 50	75 00	75 00	.....	400 00	450 00	.....
State Line Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 00	292 75	7 25
Springfield.....	20 00	35 50	90 00	90 00	.....	600 00	620 00	.....
Antioch.....	26 00	30 00	110 00	110 00	.....	660 00	660 00	.....
Cedar Hill.....	23 30	14 55	100 00	71 30	28 70	600 00	427 85	172 15
Port Royal.....	20 00	17 75	90 00	90 00	.....	510 00	510 00	.....
Asbury.....	23 00	30 00	90 00	90 00	.....	600 00	600 00	.....
	\$246 85	\$281 00	\$1,200 00	\$1,080 25	\$119 75	\$7,445 00	\$7,014 22	\$500 78

Paid for the poor, \$94.65; for other objects, \$25.55. Excess of salaries, \$70.

RECAPITULATION.

Nashville District.....	\$ 364 85	\$ 752 16	\$ 2,105 00	\$1,970 55	\$ 134 45	\$12,380 00	\$11,007 79	\$ 1,392 21
Murfreesboro ".....	179 85	311 45	1,004 00	858 16	145 84	6,828 75	5,645 49	1,183 76
Gallatin ".....	97 50	136 30	798 00	582 42	215 58	4,879 76	3,746 36	1,133 40
McMinnville ".....	75 80	118 95	895 00	598 74	296 26	5,175 00	3,722 29	1,452 71
Shelbyville ".....	177 00	276 50	785 50	651 55	133 95	6,359 00	5,275 75	1,083 25
Columbia ".....	225 00	399 60	1,200 00	1,027 19	172 81	8,575 00	7,565 73	1,009 27
Savannah ".....	98 10	147 70	545 00	434 60	111 85	3,605 00	2,971 79	651 61
Franklin ".....	225 00	375 00	1,201 02	1,129 86	71 16	7,559 00	7,192 05	384 45
Centerville ".....	70 50	105 80	595 00	411 74	183 26	4,263 00	3,039 91	1,225 74
Clarksville ".....	246 85	281 00	1,200 00	1,080 25	119 75	7,445 00	7,014 22	500 78
Total.....	\$1,760 45	\$2,904 46	\$10,328 52	\$8,745 06	\$1,584 91	\$67,069 51	\$57,181 38	\$10,017 18

Total amount paid in excess of salaries, \$128.65.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. A. KERLEY, Secretary.

W. H. MORROW, Chairman.

TABLE SHOWING PERCENTAGE AND PER CAPITA.

Prepared by WM. H. MORROW, Chairman Joint Board Finance.

DISTRICTS.	Percentage of the Bishops' Claim paid.	Percentage of Conference Fund paid.	Percentage of Presiding Elders' Salaries paid.	Percentage of Pastors' Salaries paid.	Average Salary of Preachers, including Presiding Elders.	Amount collected for Domestic Missions.	Amount of Missionary money paid back to the Districts.	Average Salary, including Missionary Appropriations.	Number of Members.	Amount paid per capita to the Bishops' Fund.	Amount paid per capita to the Conference F'd.	Amount paid per capita to the Preachers.
Nashville.....	97	100 3-10	93 9-10	89	\$811 14	\$795 75	.....	\$811 14	4802	\$0.07 6-10	\$0.15 7-10	\$2 70
Murfreesboro.....	89 9-10	77 3-4	85 1-2	82 3-4	382 57	310 05	\$162 00	392 10	4609	0.03 9-10	0.06 8-10	1 41
Gallatin.....	95 1-2	66 3-4	73	76 3-4	270 55	148 00	405 00	295 86	5054	0.01 9-10	0.02 7-10	85
McMinnville.....	89	69 1-2	66 9-10	71 3-4	227 42	131 20	648 00	261 51	5719	0.01 3-10	0.02 1-10	75
Shelbyville.....	100	78	82 9-10	83	296 36	254 67	425 25	317 62	4689	0.03 8-10	0.05 9-10	1 26
Columbia.....	100	88	85 1-2	88 1-4	477 38	381 59	141 75	485 25	5541	0.04 1-10	0.07 1-5	1 55
Savannah.....	100	75	79 3-4	82 1-2	212 90	203 55	587 25	249 60	3201	0.03 1-10	0.04 6-10	1 06
Franklin.....	100	83 1-2	94	95	437 99	397 10	.....	437 99	5048	0.04 1-2	0.07 4-10	1 64
Centerville.....	96	71 3-4	69	71 1-4	215 73	123 50	465 75	244 83	4193	0.01 7-10	0.02 1-5	82
Clarksville.....	102 7-8	58 1-2	90	94 1-4	505 90	188 25	202 50	518 56	5044	0.04 9-10	0.05 6-10	1 60

The Membership paid per capita for Domestic Missions, 6 1/4 cents; for Foreign Missions, 17 1/4 cents; total, 23 3/4 cents.

Amounts collected this year for support of the Ministry.....\$65,926 44
Amounts collected last year....." " ".....59,140 54

Increase.....\$6,785 90

Average salary paid Ministers this year.....\$381 08

Average salary paid Ministers last year.....364 57

Increase.....\$ 16 51

There were 173 Preachers.

13 Pastors of stations in towns and cities received \$16,400 00—average, \$1,261 53

150 Preachers on circuits and country stations rec'd 40,781 38—average, 271 87

10 Presiding Elders received.....8,729 36—average, 872 93

NOTE.—This estimate does not include amounts paid by Missionary Board.

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